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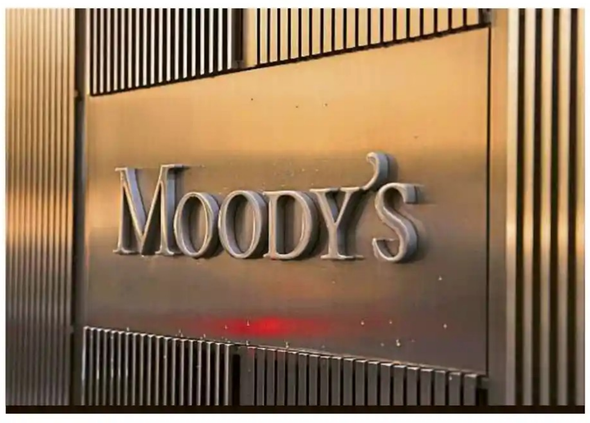

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"Congress leaders live in their own world. They float in the air and never come to the ground. They feel happy just running social media accounts. That is why they have been out of power in the state for 20 years, and if they continue like this, they will remain out for another 50 years

Mohan Yadav
Madhya Pradesh CM

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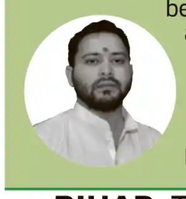
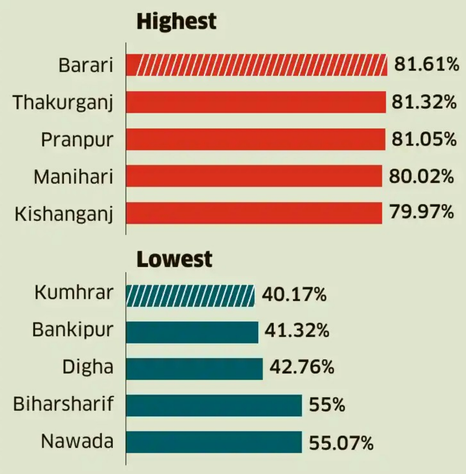
We know that people have decided to oust the NDA government. We know that officials are getting directions from those who are sitting in Delhi. We suspect that counting may be delayed. But our people are alert. And we are winning with a comfortable margin. We expect that the ECI will ensure impartial counting"



Tejashwi Yadav
RJD leader

BIHAR: TURNOUT IN SEATS



Poll diary

RJD leader booked for 'inflammatory' remarks

RJD leader Sunil Kumar was on Thursday booked for making "inflammatory remarks", a day ahead of the counting of votes polled in the Bihar assembly elections, police said. Speaking to reporters in Patna, Kumar had said, "People have voted for a change. Tejashwi Yadav's government will be formed in 2025. In 2020, the counting was halted for four hours, and if something like that happens this time as well, we will see a Nepal-like situation on the streets... Responsible officials will not be spared." The video of his statement has since gone viral on social media. "A case has been registered against him and appropriate action will be taken accordingly," said Nitish Chandra Dhariya, Deputy SP, Cyber Cell (Patna district).

Oppn urges EC to ensure impartiality during counting

The opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc in Bihar, led by its Chief Ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav, on Thursday voiced apprehension of a "conspiracy" during counting of votes for the state assembly polls, allegedly at the behest of the ruling NDA. At a press conference here hours before the commencement of counting, Yadav, who was accompanied by CPI-ML Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya and AICC in charge for Bihar Krishna Allavaru, among others, appealed to the Election Commission to ensure "impartiality" in counting of votes. The RJD leader recounted the 2020 assembly elections when, he claimed: "Mahagathbandhan was certain to form the government, but for manipulations by pliant officials". Yadav said, "We know that people have decided to oust the NDA government. We know that officials are getting directions from those who are sitting in Delhi. We suspect that counting may be delayed. But our people are alert... We expect that the ECI will ensure impartial counting."

Patna's flower & sweetmeat sellers keep stock ready

Flower and sweetmeat sellers of Patna are maintaining a large stock expecting brisk business on Friday, when votes for the assembly polls will be counted, as winning leaders will be garlanded and laddoos distributed among their followers. The electoral fate of the candidates are sealed in EVMs, which will be opened on Friday. And thereafter, the small businessmen hope, their lady luck will smile. Karan and Vikram, two teenage brothers selling marigold flowers under the GPO Golambar flyover, have received orders for around 400 bouquets for Friday. The order for garlands, they expect, will also come. The order for bouquets, they said, has come from an RJD worker.

Nitish posters roar, Tejashwi remains guarded

'Tiger Zinda Hai' plastered outside JD(U) office; RJD asks workers to be vigilant against 'vote theft' on counting day

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

'Tiger Zinda Hai', proclaims a poster outside the JD(U) office on Beer Chand Patel Marg in Patna, where the mood is electric. The party has reason to celebrate. JD(U) strongman Nitish Kumar, who appeared "weak and ill" before the polls, displayed remarkable resilience as the campaign unfolded.

Almost all exit polls have predicted a sweeping fifth consecutive victory for the Nitish-led government.

Just down the same street, however, the RJD office presents a more guarded picture. Supporters of Tejashwi Yadav, the Mahagathbandhan's chief ministerial candidate, are cautiously optimistic. "We go by the exact poll, not the exit poll," said party spokesperson Priyanka Bharti, urging party members to stay vigilant at counting centres until the last vote is counted. "This time, no vote theft will be allowed," she added.

Incidentally, both the NDA and the I.N.D.I.A bloc have ordered hundreds of kilograms of laddoos and flowers, ready for celebration.

On Friday, counting for 243 Assembly constituencies will begin at 8 am across 46 centres in the state. Postal ballots will be taken up first, followed by the electronic voting machines (EVMs).

"Leads will start coming in by 10 am, and the first result could be expected around noon," said a senior district administration official.

The NDA and the I.N.D.I.A bloc are locked in a straight, fierce contest for the second consecutive election. Exit polls, however, have projected a clear to massive majority for the NDA.

Opposition leader Tejashwi has dismissed the projections, saying that the survey findings were released even as people were still queuing to cast votes.

The Mahagathbandhan contested in alliance with the Congress, CPI(ML), CPI, CPM and VIP. The NDA fielded a close-knit coalition of the JD(U), BJP, LJP, HAM and RLM.

A view of the BJP state office decked up with banners on the eve of counting of votes, in Patna, on Thursday. PTI

COMMENCES AT 8.00 AM

- 4,372 counting tables staffed with one counting supervisor, counting assistant and micro-observer at each table
- 243 Counting Observers to monitor the process
- At least **18,000 Counting Agents** appointed by candidates
- **Postal ballot** to be counted first, to be completed before penultimate round of EVM counting
- **Counting of EVMs** to begin at 8.30 am

DURING EVM COUNTING

- Control Units are brought to the counting tables round-wise and shown to the counting agents to verify that the seals are intact and serial numbers match the records in **Form 17C (Part I)**
- Number of votes recorded in **EVMs is cross-verified** with entries in Form 17C.
- In case of mismatch, **VVPAT slips** from that polling station are to be counted mandatorily
- After EVM counting, a random selection of five polling stations per constituency is made for **VVPAT verification**

In a first in recent history, no repoll ordered in Bihar polls

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

The 2025 Bihar Assembly elections will go down in history as the one where no repoll was ordered even in a single booth in the state.

Bihar has often hogged the limelight for its controversial elections, marred by violence and re-polling, which makes it a challenging task for the Election Commission (EC) to conduct a peaceful poll.

"The EC has received reports from the 122 Returning Officers (ROs) and the 122 observers. No anomaly was found in any of the constituencies, and, therefore, no repoll has been ordered," said an elated EC official. "During the last Lok Sabha poll, repolling was ordered in two booths in Bihar, while repoll was conducted in three booths in the 2019 LS poll. The maximum number of repolls (96 booths) was conducted during the 2014 parliamentary election. As far as the Assembly poll is concerned, repolling was ordered in two booths in 2015, while three booths went for a repoll during the 2020 polls," the official added.

BIHAR VOTES

Bihar added yet another record to its credit when 65.08% voters turned up to vote in the first phase, while 69.20% of the voters exercised their franchise in second phase.

Chenari returning officer removed

The Election Commission has removed the returning officer of Chenari assembly constituency in Bihar ahead of the counting of votes on Friday. In a statement, CEO Vinod Singh Gunjiyal directed that Lalit Bhushan Ranjan, the returning officer, be immediately relieved from all election-related duties, including the counting process. However, why Ranjan, who is the additional collector-cum-additional district magistrate of Rohtas, was removed is not immediately known, reports PTI.

'Pseudo-nationalist': Cong flays RSS over US lobbying report

Alleges saffron body engaged 'one of Pak's official lobbying arms' to espouse interests in Washington

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Congress on Thursday alleged that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has "betrayed national interest" and is a "pseudo-nationalist" organisation following reports that the Sangh fountainhead had engaged a lobbying firm in the United States.

General Secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh said RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, a few days ago, had acknowledged that the organisation is not registered and that it does not pay taxes.

"Now, we learn that the RSS has spent a significant amount of money to engage one of Pakistan's official lobbying arms — the American law firm Squire Patton Boggs (SPB) — to espouse its interests in the US," he posted on X.

"This is hardly the first time that the RSS — with its long tradition of betraying the freedom movement, opposing Mahatma Gandhi and Dr Ambedkar, and attacking the Constitution and the national flag of India — has betrayed national interest. It is a pseudo-nationalist outfit," he added.

JAIRAM RAMESH
Congress General Secy

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'Paid $3.30 lakh'

The investigative report by *Prism* claimed that RSS paid the lobbying firm $3.30 lakh between January and September this year.

The firm had registered as a lobbying firm for RSS on January 16 this year to lobby officials in the US Senate and House of Representatives.

In the lobbying registration form, Squire Patton Boggs has listed Bradford Ellison, Ludmilla Kasulke, Bill Shuster and Rebekah Sungala as the individuals who would be acting as lobbyists for the RSS.

It has marked "US-India bilateral relations" as the "specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)".

In the January-March quarter, $1.2 lakh was given as lobbying charges, while it was $1 lakh in the April-June quarter and $ 1.1 lakh in the July-September quarter.

The lobbying registration document also lists one Vivek Sharma as "an entity other than the client that contributes more than $ 5,000 to the lobbying activities in a quarterly period and either participates in and/or in whole or in major part supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities".

Sangh denies charges

Sunil Ambedkar

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has categorically rejected the Congress' charge that it has engaged 'one of Pakistan's official lobbying arms' to espouse its interests in the US.

"RSS works in Bharat and has not engaged any lobbying firm in United States of America," said Sunil Ambekar, Akhil Bharatiya Prachar Pramukh, in a statement on social media platform, X.

HC disqualifies Mukul Roy as Bengal MLA for defection

KOLKATA, PTI

The Calcutta High Court on Thursday disqualified senior leader Mukul Roy as member of the West Bengal Assembly under the anti-defection law for switching over to the ruling TMC, after having been elected on a BJP ticket in the 2021 polls.

The court termed as "perverse" the decision of the Speaker, who had in his finding on a plea for Roy's disqualification as an MLA under the anti-defection law held that he was a BJP MLA.

It also set aside Roy's nomination as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) since his membership of the House suffered disqualification with effect from June 11, 2021.

Mamata Banerjee addresses the media after Mukul Roy rejoined Trinamool. PTI FILE

A division bench presided by Justice Debangsu Basak said that it has no hesitation in setting aside Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee's order of June 8, 2022, by which he had junked a petition by Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, seeking Roy's disqualification.

The court allowed another plea by BJP MLA Ambika Roy, which was heard analogously with Adhikari's petition before the Speaker on an order of the Supreme Court, for disqualification of Mukul Roy.

The court observed that given the gamut of the evidence laid before the Speaker by Ambika Roy in the adjudication proceedings, the only plausible conclusion is that the decision of the Speaker on the issue of disqualification of Mukul Roy "is perverse".

"No reasonable person could have arrived at the conclusion as returned by the respondent No 1 (Speaker Biman Banerjee) on the basis of the materials placed before him.

"Perversity vitiating the impugned decision is accentuated by the respondent No 1 deploying a wrong yardstick evaluating the rival contentions," the court said.

Cong has become more Leftist to counter BJP: Tharoor

HYDERABAD, PTI: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Thursday said the party has in recent years become more Leftist to counter BJP's "divisive politics".

Responding to a question whether Congress and Left parties coming together against the BJP's politics represented 'radical centrism' in action, Tharoor said his remarks were not about "nuts and bolts practical politics" but convictions and ideology, where some gaps needed to be bridged. "But, tactical adjustments have been made more. In fact, in some ways, one of the consequences is my party has become much more a Left party. In the sense that, if you look at Dr Manmohan Singh's party, you could argue it was more consciously centrist in its approach," he said.

VP reviews Parl Session prep

NEW DELHI, PTI: Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C P Radhakrishnan on Thursday held a meeting with Deputy Chairman Harivansh and Secretary General P K Mody and discussed the preparations for the upcoming Winter Session.

The Parliament session, which will have 15 working days, begins on December 1 and is likely to end on December 19.

COMFORT SPACES

Kerala constituency sets up menstrual restrooms in schools

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

At a time when the Karnataka government's decision to grant one day of menstrual leave per month to women employees in both the public and private sectors has sparked debate over whether a single day is sufficient, a model from the Kattakkada Assembly constituency in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram is drawing attention.

Dedicated restrooms have been set up in all 16 government and aided high schools and higher secondary schools in the constituency to support students during menstrual discomfort. Though designed for students, the facility has also proved to be a welcome relief for teachers.

Kattakkada MLA IB Satheesh initiated the project under the Oppam (Together) programme for women's empowerment in the constituency.

PERIOD CARE

- Kattakkada constituency launches girl-friendly rooms in 16 schools
- Facilities include beds, chairs, hot water bags and incinerator
- Colour scheme designed with psychologists to create calming atmosphere
- Though meant for students, teachers also find relief in the rooms

The 'Oppam Girl Student-Friendly Room' has been equipped with two beds, chairs, hot water bags, a napkin vending machine and an incinerator. The colour scheme was designed in consultation with psychologists to create a pleasant and calming atmosphere, Satheesh told *DH*.

"It is not just on one day of the menstrual cycle that girls experience discomfort. Granting one or two days of leave may not address the issue. We therefore decided to set up these rooms so that girls could rest when needed. Many teachers have also said the facility has proved useful for them in managing menstrual discomfort," Satheesh said.

As part of the Oppam project, a series of initiatives aimed at making the constituency more women-friendly have been launched. These include toilet blocks for women in all panchayats, health clubs, counselling centres and a women's theatre.

Satheesh's efforts to transform Kattakkada from a region of acute water scarcity into a water-surplus area through a range of conservation measures have received national recognition. He has also introduced a 'Degree for All' project, designed to ensure that every resident of the constituency has access to higher education up to the degree level.

Sarma targets Gogoi as anti-BJP front takes shape

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

A day after seven Opposition parties, including the Congress in Assam, decided to forge an anti-BJP front for next year's Assembly elections, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday targeted Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi, reiterating his charge that Gogoi is an "ISI agent".

"Gaurav Gogoi is an ISI agent of Pakistan. Gaurav is a little less, but his wife is more. The entire family has been working on behalf of Pakistan," Sarma alleged while speaking to reporters after a government event, when asked about Opposition front.

"The SIT we formed has gathered strong evidence of his direct links with the ISI and Pakistan. We could not disclose the report in September and November as the state was going through a very emotional phase (singer Zubeen Garg's death). If I disclose it during this emotional time, people may question me, saying I am doing politics amid grief," Sarma said.

Gaurav Gogoi

Himanta Biswa Sarma

CHARGES & DENIAL

- Seven Oppn parties announce anti-BJP front for Assam polls
- BJP slams Oppn front as 'unholy alliance' and 'anti-Assam'
- SIT formed by Sarma claims 'strong evidence' of Gogoi family's ISI ties
- Gogoi challenges govt to upload SIT report online

Sarma had earlier formed the SIT, alleging that Gaurav Gogoi and his wife Elizabeth, a British national, had visited Pakistan several times and maintained links with the ISI. Sarma announced that he would disclose the report on September 10.

The SIT did submit its findings on that date, but Sarma deferred the disclosure, saying the Cabinet would deliberate on it before making it public.

Gaurav Gogoi dismissed the exercise as a "flop show" and challenged Sarma to upload the SIT report on the Assam government's website for all to see.

Three Gogois targeted

On Thursday, Sarma in fact targeted three Gogois — Gaurav, Lurinjyoti and Akhil. Gaurav, president of the Assam unit of the Congress, is likely to be projected as the chief ministerial face of the proposed Opposition front. Lurinjyoti leads the Asom Jatiya Parishad (AJP), while Akhil heads Raijor Dal, a regional anti-BJP party. Both AJP and Raijor Dal are part of the proposed anti-BJP alliance.

"The three Gogois are not working for their community (Ahom). They are working to protect the Miya Muslims," Sarma said.

The trio is seen as capable of turning the tide against the BJP in eastern Assam constituencies, where the Ahom community plays a decisive role in elections.

The Assam unit of the BJP also slammed the Opposition front, calling it an "unholy alliance" and "anti-Assam".

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BJKC playoffs kickoff in Bengaluru

Netherlands take on Slovenia in opening tie at KSLTA
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BIHAR VOTES

Will it be Nitish again or is it Tejashwi's time?

The D-day is here. People of Bihar have voted and the suspense on who will get to wear the crown in Patna will be known today

All the exit polls have predicted a massive fifth consecutive victory for the Nitish Kumar-led government. However, at the RJD office, supporters of Tejashwi Yadav, the Mahagathbandhan chief ministerial candidate, are showing cautious optimism. The counting of votes for the 243 Assembly constituencies will start at all the 46 counting centres at 8 am sharp. The postal ballots will be counted initially, followed by the EVMs from 8.30 am onwards.

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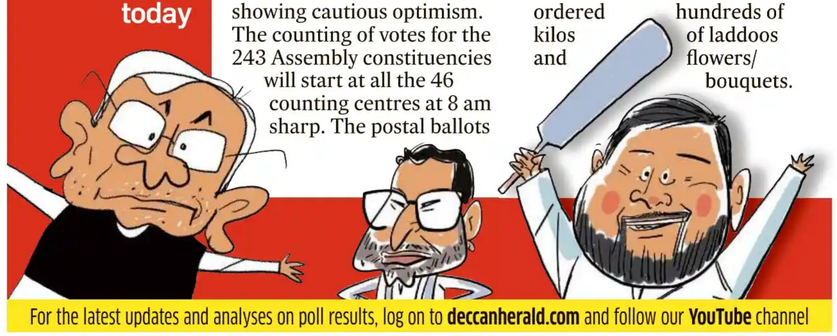

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PROBE PROGRESS

- Decision to place Al-Falah University under scrutiny taken after high-level meeting by Home Minister Amit Shah to review progress of investigation
- A Maruti Brezza, allegedly bought by one of the accused Dr Shaheen Sayeed one-and-half-months ago, tracked and seized at the campus
- Police recover a severed head and parts of a hand from the rooftop of a building in the locality where the blast took place
- Confirmation of Dr Umar's presence in the car comes after his mother's DNA was matched with the body parts collected from the vehicle

'Bomb' doctors raised Rs 30 lakh for explosives

Govt places Al-Falah University's records, finances under scanner

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

On a day DNA tests confirmed that Dr Umar N Nabi was driving the car that exploded near the Red Fort on November 10 killing 13 people, investigators on Thursday claimed the "white-collar terror module" of doctors had raised Rs 25-30 lakh to procure explosives.

As investigations progressed, a forensic audit has been ordered into Al-Falah University's records following the involvement of some of its faculty members in suspected terror activities. On Thursday, a Maruti Brezza, allegedly bought by one of the accused Dr Shaheen Sayeed one-and-half-months ago and registered on September 25, was seized at the campus.

Sources claimed Dr Umar Nabi, Dr Muzammil Ganaie, Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather and Dr Shaheen Sayeed had pooled in Rs 25-30 lakh for procuring explosives, most of which were recovered on Monday. They allegedly bought around 26 quintals of NPK fertiliser, worth around Rs 3 lakh, used for mixing other chemicals to make IEDs, from Gurugram, Nuh and towns in Haryana.

PTI reported that Umar and Muzammil had disputes over the handling of funds in recent times and investigators were checking whether it affected their plans or the timing of the attack. Investigators had indicated that the module planned to strike terror in Delhi and adjoining areas around December 6, coinciding with the anniversary of Babri Masjid demolition.

As the Al-Falah University faces scrutiny, all its records will undergo a forensic audit to check for any wrongdoing besides an investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into its financial dealings.

▸ Explosives, Page 5

Forensic science officials inspect the red Ford EcoSport car suspected to be linked to the Delhi Red Fort blast case. PTI

Notice to Al-Falah varsity

A day after the tainted past of the Vice-Chancellor of the Al-Falah University came under the scanner, NAAC on Thursday sent a notice to the university for continuing to display its accreditation grade despite its expiry.
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Swiss app to coordinate

Investigators have found out that the three "white-collar terror module" suspects — Dr Umar Un Nabi, Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Shayeed — allegedly used a Swiss encrypted messaging app to plan and coordinate among themselves.

Dr Umar took zigzag route to avoid detection

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Dr Umar Nabi, the doctor behind the November 10 blast near Red Fort that killed 13 people, seems to have drawn up meticulous plans and made deliberate attempts to avoid detection while coming to Delhi from Faridabad on Monday evening.

The Delhi police, who have scanned more than 50 CCTVs in Haryana and Delhi to trace Nabi's movements from Sunday to Monday evening, found that he deliberately avoided major arterial roads and instead zigzagged through crowded areas, possibly to avoid surveillance or study crowd movement.

Investigators said Dr Umar, who was seen wearing a mask throughout the two days, repeatedly looked at CCTV cameras, apparently aware that security agencies were on his trail.

"A large bag, which likely contained the explosives, can be seen in his car here," the senior police officer said.

▸ Nabi, Page 5

Karnataka's new IT policy targets 90 lakh jobs, expats

Focus on investments in 'Beyond Bengaluru' cities

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka will launch a programme for tech expats returning home, which is among several initiatives under the new Information Technology (IT) Policy that aims to increase the state's software exports to Rs 11.5 lakh crore by 2030.

Under the IT Policy 2025-30, approved by the Cabinet on Thursday, the government wants to achieve generation of over 90 lakh direct and indirect jobs. It also aims to increase the IT sector's contribution to gross state value added (GSVA) from 26% to 36%.

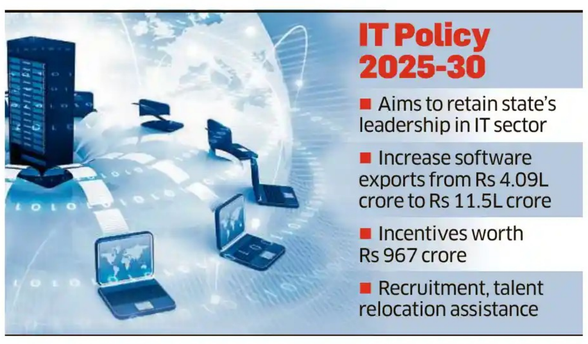
The policy offers an 'IT Talent Return Programme' to support mid-career professionals overseas, which comes amid global layoffs and uncertainty looming over US work visas.

Speaking to *DH*, IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said the programme was not conceived because of layoffs or the H-1B visa confusion. "Many people want to come back and work. Also, there's a lot of traction because of the presence of global capability centres (GCC)," he said.

Under the policy, the government will launch a digital portal for homecoming professionals with the cooperation of Karnataka-based companies seeking expertise in leadership, R&D and mentoring roles to "tap into India's large diaspora".

The government wants to "drive significant IT investments, with special focus on AI and other new technologies" in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, Tumakuru, Kalaburagi and Shivamogga as part of the 'Beyond Bengaluru' push.

▸ IT policy, Page 5


IT Policy 2025-30
Aims to retain state's leadership in IT sector
Increase software exports from Rs 4.09L crore to Rs 11.5L crore
Incentives worth Rs 967 crore
Recruitment, talent relocation assistance

8 people killed in Pune road accident

At least eight people were killed and over 20 others injured in a major accident and the ensuing fire involving two container lorries and a car on the outskirts of Pune on Thursday evening. The incident took place on the Pune-Bengaluru highway. Page 8

Cong flays RSS over US lobbying report

The Congress on Thursday alleged that the RSS has "betrayed national interest" and is a "pseudo-nationalist" organisation following a media report that the saffron outfit had engaged a lobbying firm in the United States. Facing Page

RSS Chittapur route march to be held on Nov 16

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kalaburagi bench of the Karnataka High Court on Thursday disposed of the petition filed by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) after authorities granted conditional permission for the route march in Chittapur town on November 16.

Justice M G S Kamal disposed of the petition filed by RSS convenor Ashok Patil after modifying one of the conditions on the request of the advocate for the petitioner.

During the hearing, the court was informed that on November 12, Chittapur tahsildar, who is the taluk executive magistrate, granted permission after imposing certain conditions. Senior advocate Aruna Shyam, appearing for the petitioner, sought relaxation of the condition which limited the number of participants to 300 and the number of members in the band to 25 and allow 600 people with 50 members in the band.

To this, Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty submitted that the numbers mentioned in the order were fixed after a detailed consideration, considering the number of participants in the previous meetings conducted by the petitioner.

▸ RSS, Page 5

HC refuses to quash Pocso case against BSY, three others

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a setback to former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, the Karnataka High Court on Thursday refused to quash the Pocso case registered against him and three others.

A single-judge bench of Justice MI Arun dismissed the petitions filed by Yediyurappa, Aruna YM, Rudresha Marulasiddaiah and Mariswamy G challenging the trial court order taking cognizance of offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act and relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code, and also the issuance of summons.

The high court, however, said the trial court should not insist upon the appearance of Yediyurappa unless it is necessary.

"Taking into consideration the age of accused No.1 (Yediyurappa) and also the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, I am of the opinion that the presence of accused No.1 should not be insisted by the trial court, unless it is necessary, and it should normally entertain any application made by accused No.1 from being exempted from personal appearance," the judge said.

The complaint was filed by the survivor's mother, who died on May 26, 2024, during the pendency of the case.

▸ BSY-Pocso case, Page 5

Mekedatu project: SC rejects TN plea, terms it 'premature'

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to consider a plea by Tamil Nadu against Karnataka's proposed project to build a balancing reservoir across the Cauvery at Mekedatu, terming it "premature" at this stage.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justices K Vinod Chandran and N V Anjaria was hearing the application filed by Tamil Nadu against the nod given by the Central Water Commission to Karnataka for the preparation of a detailed project report (DPR) for the project.

Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and P Wilson, appearing for Tamil Nadu, contended the project would be detrimental to Tamil Nadu farmers.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, along with Karnataka Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty and senior advocate Mohan Katarki and advocate Nishanth Patil, appearing for Karnataka, termed the plea as "misconceived".

▸ Mekedatu, Page 5

SC: No mining within 1km of protected areas

The SC on Thursday reiterated its previous direction that no mining activity would be permitted within national parks and wildlife sanctuaries and within an area of one km from the boundary of such areas.
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TAKING STEPS

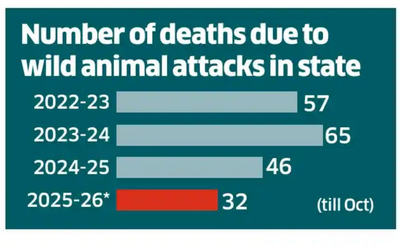
Human-animal conflict: CM okays 8-point plan

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday approved an eight-point programme to mitigate human-animal conflict in the state that has increased significantly in the last few years, with three deaths reported due to tiger attacks in October alone.

Among the major initiatives approved include identifying conflict-prone areas and the nature of the conflicts; deploying more patrol vehicles and staff; deputing forest department officials to stay and analyse the situation in conflict-prone areas; and taking the help of local residents to help officials in patrol and capture activities.

Siddaramaiah also urged forest department officials to use drone cameras to track and identify tigers that are roaming in areas adjoining the forests. "Either due to age-related problems or after getting hurt by young tigers, many tigers are roaming around in areas outside the forest limits. These should be tracked through drones and captured," he said.



Siddaramaiah also assured necessary support in terms of funding and personnel to mitigate conflicts. He also suggested the forest department take guidance from experts like Krupakar Senani and Sanjay Gubbi to chalk out scientific plans.

To ensure coordination in preventing attacks, Siddaramaiah has also asked forest department officials to form a district level committee along with police personnel and district administration for support.

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre urged the government to categorise attacks by wild animal as natural disasters. This would help the forest department to seek support from district administration and police. The forest department has also set up an integrated command centre to address conflicts and also plans to recruit retired army officers in conflict-prone areas.

Leopard attacks woman; non-AC bus safari stopped in BBP, P3

Government of Karnataka
Department of School Education and Literacy

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

State-level Children's Day celebration, Enrollment Drive in Government Schools and Parent-Teacher Meeting -2025 as Part of the Birth Anniversary Celebrations of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

Date: Friday, 14.11.2025, Time: 10.00 A.M. | Place : Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Inauguration of the program and Children's Day message by
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

August Presence
Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Sri Basavaraj Shivalingappa Horatti
Hon'ble Chairperson, Karnataka Legislative Council
Sri U.T. Khader Fareed
Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Presided by
Sri S Madhu Bangarappa
Hon'ble Minister for School Education and Literacy

and All Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council and Chairmen & Members of all Commissions, Boards, Departments and Corporations of the State

Major Initiatives of the Department

- Order has been issued to upgrade 800 government schools into Karnataka Public Schools.
- Free electricity provided to government schools to facilitate digital learning and computer use.
- 12392 teachers have been issued Appointment Orders in the year 2024-25, For the year 2025-26, 5267 teachers in the Kalyana Karnataka Division and 5000 teachers in other Divisions will be appointed.
- Provision of eggs / bananas for 6 days a week and hot milk and ragi malt 5 days a week to enhance child nutrition
- Free NEET / CET/JEE coaching is being provided in government pre-university colleges.

Protecting public property and refraining from violence A constitutional fundamental duty of every Indian

Cabinet okays Rs 613-cr plan to rent 46 sweeping machines for city

5 newly created corporations to foot the bill

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Cabinet on Thursday approved a proposal to procure 46 mechanical sweeping machines on a rental basis for a period of seven years.

The proposal, submitted by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), is estimated to cost a total of Rs 613.25 crore. This means the authority is expected to spend about Rs 1 crore per year on each sweeper machine.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Law Minister H K Patil said the Cabinet had given administrative approval to the proposal, which will entirely be funded by the five newly created municipal corporations of Bengaluru. He added that the 46 machines would be distributed across all corporations to help keep the roads clean.

Initially, GBA had proposed procuring 59 sweeping machines at a cost of Rs 781 crore on a rental basis. The Urban Development Department (UDD), however, trimmed the number of vehicles to 46, but marginally increased the cost of each vehicle by Rs 10 lakh before presenting the proposal to the Cabinet.

There was a prolonged discussion within GBA — starting in April this year — on whether to opt for outright purchase of sweeper vehicles or hire them.

The GBA is expected to spend about Rs 1 crore per year on each sweeper machine. DH FILE PHOTO

A technical committee, headed by R Selvamani, managing director of the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC), was first formed, and two consulting firms were later engaged for further evaluation.

In its report in August, the technical committee favoured outright procurement of the machines and to engage a separate agency for operations and maintenance — a system followed so far. The committee did not approve of the idea of renting the machines.

Subsequently, GBA formed an in-house committee, which sought help from RITES Ltd. and Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

In its recommendations, BCG observed that outright purchase would require a huge capital investment, as each sweeping machine — along with hook loaders and containers — would cost Rs 3 crore.

Instead, it suggested making an upfront payment of 40% to the suppliers, with the remaining cost to be paid based on performance per km. The firm also studied the cost of renting the machines, which turned out to be Rs 50 lakh costlier per vehicle. On Thursday, the Cabinet chose to take the rental route, because purchasing the machines involves 'huge initial expenditure'.

Currently, there are about 26 sweeping machines in Bengaluru, but their performance has been poor, with commuters often complaining about dusty roads and the declining air quality index in the city.

While the erstwhile BBMP made multiple efforts to procure new machines, the proposal remained in cold storage due to multiple reasons.

PC Mohan opposes tunnel road, anticipates financial burden on citizens

BENGALURU, DHNS

P C MOHAN,
MP, Bengaluru Central

"With the state's coffers already strained due to populist schemes, the tunnel's eventual cost will fall on Bengaluru's citizens through higher taxes, tolls, or the diversion of essential development funds.

Member of Parliament P C Mohan on Thursday joined the bandwagon of BJP leaders opposing the construction of the North–South Tunnel Project, questioning its utility in addressing traffic congestion.

In a press address, Mohan said the proposed alignment was primarily determined on the basis of the availability of vacant land rather than the actual traffic demand patterns of Bengaluru's major arterial and sub-arterial roads. He also termed the termination of the tunnel road at Madiwala (St John's Hospital) — about 1.5 km before the major Silk Board Junction — as unscientific, given the existing traffic density and the proposed Hosur Airport, which will further increase the vehicular load.

He demanded that the technical validation of the project be undertaken by nationally recognised institutions such as the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) or the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), given the scale and sensitivity of the project.

Noting that a Metro corridor is already proposed between Hebbal and Central Silk Board, he said constructing a tunnel road would make little sense, as it duplicates infrastructure and unnecessarily increases public expenditure.

"Introducing high-speed tunnel traffic without proper integration with congested surface roads is likely to create severe bottlenecks at entry and exit points, possibly causing vehicles to queue within the tunnel," he said.

He also emphasised the financial burden of the underground project, now costing Rs 17,800 crore.

"With the state's coffers already strained due to populist schemes, the tunnel's eventual cost will fall on Bengaluru's citizens through higher taxes, tolls, or the diversion of essential development funds," he said.

While BJP leaders such as R Ashoka, Suresh Kumar, L A Ravi Subramanya, Tejasvi Surya, Uday Garudachar and C K Ramamurthy have voiced their opposition to the project, other MLAs and MPs have remained silent.

Between August and September this year, the BTP had offered a 50% discount on pending fines.

Bengaluru traffic fines cross Rs 200 crore for the first time

BENGALURU, DHNS: For the first time in the city's history, Bengaluru Traffic Police's (BTP) annual fine collection has crossed Rs 200 crore.

Between January and October, the BTP has collected Rs 207.35 crore in fines. "About 50% of the amount was collected during the 50% discount period. But irrespective of that, we have collected about Rs 101 crore," Karthik Reddy, Joint Commissioner of Police (traffic), told *DH*.

Between August and September this year, the BTP had offered a 50% discount on pending fines. During this period, approximately Rs 106 crore worth of fines were collected. In comparison, the BTP collected only Rs 84 crore in fines in 2024.

"The 50% concession was provided for less than a month, but it encouraged people to clear out all pending fines. As traffic police, our intention is never to focus on collecting fines, but instead to maintain order on the roads," a senior traffic official told *DH*.

Lokayukta inspects government hostels in city

Observes lack of facilities

BENGALURU, DHNS

Following complaints about irregularities and poor maintenance of government-run hotels, the Karnataka Lokayukta officials conducted a simultaneous inspection of 28 such hostels across Bengaluru.

Lokayukta Justice B S Patil also visited two such hostels in the city and observed a large number of problems at the hostels.

At the Government Science College Boy's Hostel on M G Road, Patil observed that close to 373 students were residing in the hostel which only had a sanctioned strength of 275. Owing to this, many students complained that the environment in the hostel was suffocating and many of them had to sleep on the floor. A few students also flagged that 20 people who were not students were allowed to stay in the hostel.

That apart, for over 370 students, there were only 38 washrooms and those were not maintained well, Patil observed.

Students also pointed out that cleanliness was not maintained in cooking and the food provided was of poor quality. Such lack of hygiene at the hostel could affect the health of many students, Patil noted.

Shockingly, many students complained that many inmates were allowed to drink alcohol and smoke in the hostel rooms.

Similar was the situation at the Dr B R Ambedkar Government public boy's hostel in Vijaynagar. Upa Lokayukta K N Phaneendra who visited the facility on Thursday observed that the hostel was overcrowded and most of the rooms were stinking owing to a lack of ventilation. He also noted that there was no drinking water facility during the night.

The Lokayukta officials have conducted a detailed inspection and based on further report, action will be initiated, the officials said.

Three senior IAS officers will now be members of GBA

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Cabinet on Thursday approved the amendments to the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, which will now be tabled in the next assembly session.

The amendments propose to include the chief secretary, the additional chief secretaries of Urban Development and Finance departments as members of the Greater Bengaluru Authority, which meets once in three months to decide on matters pertaining to the city.

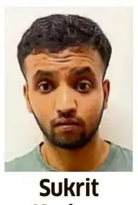
Given the confusion about the appointment of MPs, MLAs and MLCs, an amendment is also proposed to provide clarity on the issue by including a sub clause to the rulebook.

The UDD additional chief secretary will be the member of the executive committee headed by the Bengaluru development minister or a minister recommended by the chief minister.

Techie arrested for injuring family of three on scooter

BENGALURU, DHNS: Angered over honking, a software engineer deliberately hit a scooter, injuring a family of three in Central Bengaluru, police officials said on Thursday.

The Sadashivanagar police have arrested Sukrit Keshav Gowda, 23, from Kodigehalli. He worked with a private company in Whitefield, police said.



Sukrit Keshav Gowda

Police investigations revealed that on October 26, at around 7.11 pm, Gowda, who was driving a Red Tata Curvv, drove rashly, swerved and hit a Honda Dio from the rear on New BEL Road near MS Ramaiah Hospital. The scooter was on the car's right side.

Vineth A, 33, a businessman from Vidyaranyapura; his wife Anikita Patel, 31, a homemaker; and their young son were on the scooter on the way to Indiranagar. The scooter crashed into the divider, sending the couple and their child onto the road, officials said. "At the previous signal, the two-wheeler rider had honked at the car, asking to give way. The suspect in the car let the two-wheeler overtake, but was angered over the honking as he was in a car and the other person was in a two-wheeler. He then deliberately hit the two-wheeler from behind," a senior police officer told *DH*.

Gowda, without remorse, fled the spot in his speeding car, officials said. With the help of the passersby, Anikita, who suffered injuries to her left hand, shoulders and behind the head, and Vineth, who sustained injuries to his left rib, were treated at the MS Ramaiah hospital, as per the FIR, and were discharged.

Vineth later went to St John's Hospital near Koramangala, after the pain recurred. Initially, the case was registered by the Sadashivanagar Traffic police.

During the investigation, it was found that it was a case of deliberate hit, which was also corroborated by the CCTV footage. The case was then transferred to the Sadashivanagar Police Station (Law and Order). A probe was launched by Inspector Girish following an FIR on November 6, and the suspect was arrested near Balaji Layout.

Gowda, the suspect, has been booked under Section 109 (attempt to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Further investigation is ongoing, and Gowda was remanded in judicial custody.

KANNADA SPIRIT SHINES BRIGHT

Christ Academy Institute for Advanced Studies celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava on November 5 under the banner of 'Kasturi Kannada Nudi Utsava'. (L-R) Fr Antony Davis, College Principal; Fr Sebi Palamattath, Manager of Christ Academy Educational Institutions; Dr Santosh Hanagal, Secretary, Kannada Development Authority; and Joint Director Fr Joy Payapalli light the lamp to inaugurate the programme.

SWR earned Rs 171.47 cr from 355 special trains from April to Oct

BENGALURU, DHNS: The South Western Railway (SWR) has reported a 23% jump in revenue from special train operations in the first seven months of 2025-26, compared with the same period in 2024-25.

Between April and October this year, the SWR earned Rs 171.47 crore by operating 355 special trains to meet the increased travel demand. During the same period in 2024-25, it had earned Rs 138.83 crore by running 351 special trains.

In the current financial year, 19.55 lakh passengers travelled by the special trains, with the booking rate at 114% of the defined berth capacity of 17.15 lakh. The earning efficiency was 106.34% of the earning potential of Rs 161.26 crore, the SWR stated.

The railway zone said it had strengthened its regular train services by attaching 521 extra coaches between April and October 2025, providing 35,524 additional berths, facilitating travel for 24,530 passengers and earning an additional Rs 2.09 crore in earnings.

The highest augmentation earnings were recorded in June and October, coinciding with peak travel and festive seasons, it added.

Woman, doctor husband booked for cheating businessman of Rs 81 lakh

PRAJWAL D'SOUZA
BENGALURU, DHNS

A woman and her doctor husband were booked by the Amruthahalli police for allegedly cheating a city-based businessman and his wife of Rs 81 lakh in the pretext of stock market investment.

The Amruthahalli police registered the FIR on November 10 and named Ramya and Dr Pramod as the accused. The FIR was filed following a Private Complaint Register (PCR) before a court by Shweta Jain, the victim from North Bengaluru.

Shweta's husband, Anand Jain, told *DH* that he first met Dr Pramod, an orthopaedic surgeon, in Sahakar Nagar for a consultation. Anand, 50, runs a business-to-business (B2B) operation in the city, catering to clients in the US with accounting software support services.

"We became friends after that and on weekends played tennis at the Kanteerava stadium," Anand said.

Two years later and a few months before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Ramya met Anand at the Kanteerava stadium and, after a conversation, told him that she invests in the stock market and has an event planned for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"She later met my wife and me at our house. Since I knew the doctor, we trusted Ramya," Anand said.

On April 15, 2024, Rs 25 lakh was transferred to Ramya from Anand and Shweta's joint bank account. Following the election, Ramya allegedly told Anand that his investment made a profit of Rs 20 lakh and whether he wanted to continue investing till after the US elections in November 2024.

"I was happy that in a short period of time, I made such a large profit and hence agreed to her proposal to continue the trades through the US election and exit once it is over," Anand said.

On June 10, 2024, Anand wired Ramya Rs 25 lakh, on July 1, Rs 21 lakh and on July 4, Rs 10 lakh, totalling Rs 81 lakh, including his previous Rs 25 lakh, as per the FIR. Anand said that on November 5, 2024, when he asked Ramya about the investment, he was told that the funds were frozen in the US market.

After receiving no proof for the claim and being stalled, Anand approached the court for a case. An investigation is underway.

MEMU trains between Bengaluru & Mysuru

BENGALURU, DHNS: The South Western Railway (SWR) will operate unreserved MEMU special trains between KSR Bengaluru and Ashokapuram (Mysuru) to manage the rush during weekends and Sri Satya Sai Baba centenary celebrations at Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam.

These trains will run on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, between November 14 and December 28, with the exception of November 21, 22, and 23.

Train number 06213 will depart from KSR Bengaluru at 12.15 pm and reach Ashokapuram at 3.40 pm. Train number 06214 will depart from Ashokapuram at 4.10 pm and arrive at KSR Bengaluru at 8 pm.

The stoppages include Krishnadevaraya Halt, Nayandahalli, Jnanabharathi Halt, Kengeri, Hejjala, Bidadi, Ketohalli, Ramanagaram, Channapatna, Settihalli, Nidaghatta Halt, Maddur, Hanakere, Mandya, Yeliyur, Byadarahalli, Pandavapura, Shrirangapattana, Naganahalli, Mysuru and Chamarajapuram.

Man found dead; suicide suspected

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 45-year-old man was found dead in Vyalikaval in Central Bengaluru, police said on Thursday.

The deceased is Venkatesh, who was also a local BJP karyakartha, officials said.

According to the police, locals informed the control room that a foul stench emanated from a tours and travels office owned by Venkatesh. Police found his body inside.

"Prima facie probe suggests that the death may have occurred due to suicide. An autopsy will confirm the cause of death," a senior police officer said. Police sources claimed that Venkatesh had some financial issues that may have led him to take the extreme step. According to reports, he had made a video explaining his financial condition before he was found dead. Further probe is underway.

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Apartment hosts sports fest to promote harmony among residents

BENGALURU, DHNS

To strengthen the bond of harmony among people living in apartments, the third 'Annual Inter-Apartment Sports Fest–2025' will be organised on Friday and Saturday in the Byataryanapura constituency, announced organiser Meenakshi Krishna Byre Gowda.

Addressing a press conference held at Sahakaranagar, she said that the inter-apartment sports fest has been successfully conducted for the last three years.

"Sports help unite people. Keeping in mind the health and physical fitness of residents in Byatarayanapura constituency, the government has built four indoor stadiums. Another sports complex will soon come up near Jakkur. This sports fest aims to inform citizens about these facilities and encourage them to make full use of them," she added.

She further said that residents living in several apartments across North Bengaluru should mingle more with the larger community. To promote this, sports competitions will be held across eight localities. A total of 14 sports have been included — cricket, volleyball, football, chess, carrom, table tennis, tug of war, and badminton, among others. This year's special additions are gymnastics and pickleball. Congress leaders, party workers, and members of the KBG Volunteers Association are extending their support to the event.

While 1,500 participants took part last year, this time over 3,000 people have already registered. The competitions will be held according to age categories. The prize distribution ceremony will take place on Sunday at 4 pm at the indoor stadium in Vidyaranyapura, where winners will receive prizes. Both men and women will be awarded equally, with trophies, cash prizes, and certificates. Two lucky winners will also get a free trip to Thailand, she announced.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Children's Day Celebration: Inauguration: CM Siddaramaiah, Presence: Basavaraj Horatti, DK Shivakumar, UT Khader, S Madhu Bangarappa: Department of School Education and Literacy: Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha; 10 am

Book release: 'Nirina Hejje' written by DK Shivakumar released by CM Siddaramaiah; Water Resources Department: Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha; 4 pm

'Payana' D Veerendra Heggade's Collection Car Exhibition: Rare Automobile Technology Exhibition: Tripuravasini, Palace Grounds; 11 am

101st Organic Festival: Revathi Kamath, Sangeetha Katti, Rishi, Ramya Vasishtha: The Green Path, Malleshwaram; 4 pm

CULTURAL

'Santhavani' film festival: Meera (Hindi/1947): M S Subbalakshmi: ESV auditorium, Bharathiya vidya bhavan R C road; 4.00 pm

'Kalasatpatha' Cultural Evening: Inauguration: G Parameshwar: Shivraja Thangadagi, C Somashekhar: Shivleela Cultural and Charitable Trust: Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road; 5.30 pm

Classical Music Festival on the occasion of 102nd Birth Centenary of KV Narayanaswamy: Vocals: Bangalore Brothers, TS Pattabhirama Pandit, Violin: Mathur Srinidhi, Charulata Ramanujam, Mridanga: BR Srinivas, Bangalore Praveen: Ramanarayana Gurukulam: Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Malleswaram; 5 pm

School International Film Festival: Harinarayana Sharma, Nikolai Dan, Alexander Shkolenko: SCIFF: Bethany High School, Koramangala; 10 am

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Partly cloudy sky

TEMPERATURE

Maximum	28.8°C
Minimum	20.6°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	71%
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Sunrise (Nov 15)	6:17 am
Moonrise	0:40 am
Moonset	1:25 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

Mysore sandal soap factory to monetise prime land despite record profit

Pvt partner to design, build, finance, operate & transfer project

BENGALURU, DHNS

A view of the Mysore Sandal Soap factory in Bengaluru. DH FILE PHOTO

The Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd (KSDL) has proposed to commercially develop a portion of its land inside the Mysore sandal soap factory premises on West of Chord Road here, under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

However, the proposal comes at a time when the state-run enterprise has delivered its strongest financial performance in its 109-year history.

The enterprise, best known for its Mysore Sandal Soap, has identified 10.32 acres of land within its campus and adjacent to the Mysore Sandal Soap Factory Metro Station for development. According to the proposal, KSDL's participation will be in the form of land contribution, while the private partner will design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) the project.

The plan envisages office or commercial development to "unlock value" from the vacant land and generate additional revenue. The move comes despite KSDL being in robust financial health.

For 2024–25, the company reported a record turnover of Rs 1,785.99 crore, surpassing its target of Rs 1,589 crore. Net profit stood at Rs 415 crore, a 14% rise from the previous year and the company declared a dividend of Rs 135 crore to the state government, the highest in its history.

Given this strong performance, the need for monetising prime factory land has come under scrutiny. Locals fear that any large-scale commercial development could worsen congestion in the area. Officials said the proposal was at a preliminary stage and a final decision had not been taken yet.

Leopard attacks woman at B'ghatta; non-AC bus safari halted

BENGALURU, DHNS

A 56-year-old woman was attacked by a leopard while on a safari at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) on Thursday.

Vahitha Banu, 56, suffered minor injuries on her hand after a leopard scratched her hand while trying to climb the safari vehicle.

The incident is said to have occurred at around 1 pm on Thursday while the victim was on a safari in a non-AC bus.

"The victim sustained a minor injury to her hand when a leopard, while attempting to climb onto the bus, accidentally clawed her. She was immediately taken to the nearest hospital for first aid and was examined for any further injuries," a statement by the BBP said.

Just three months ago (in August), a 12-year-old boy was injured similarly when a leopard attacked him and left scratches on his arm during the safari.

'Stop non-AC safari services'

Following back-to-back such incidents, the BBP has now decided to stop non-AC safari services indefinitely.

"All the safari drivers were warned about the previous incident of leopard attack and were instructed to take precautionary safety measures inside the leopard safari. However, the authorities are reviewing the incident and non-AC Bus Safari will be stopped indefinitely till further communication and the buses will be assessed for complete safety during the downtime," the statement by BBP said.

This, however, is expected to burn the pockets of visitors since a non-AC safari costs only Rs 370 per adult and the cost goes up to Rs 690 for an AC bus safari.

NSUI's Jayender Singh in BU Syndicate

BENGALURU, DHNS: The state government has nominated National Students' Union of India's (NSUI) Karnataka vice-president Jayander Singh as a member of the Bangalore University (BU) Syndicate.

He replaces Ramesh Babu.

"Jayander Singh's inclusion in the Syndicate will further strengthen the representation of student interests in the university's decision-making body," the NSUI said in a statement.

Tech edu dept plaint on staffer over 'misuse of Rs 1.6 crore'

BENGALURU, DHNS: The department of technical education has registered an FIR against one of its staffers working with a government polytechnic college for misuse of funds kept under Institutional Development Plan (IDP).

Following the complaint received from the principal of the SJP government polytechnic college on Sheshadri Road here, about the non-availability of funds in the IDP account, the director of technical education had directed the principal to file a police complaint.

As per information available, Manjunath N S, who was working as first division assistant at the college, committed the fraud in association with an unknown person by name Jayaram and transferred Rs 1.6 crore from the account by forging the principal's signature. Manjunath is now working at Ramanagara polytechnic as superintendent with promotion. "When the SJP polytechnic authorities tried to transfer Rs 10 lakh each to Kolar and Arasikere polytechnic colleges as per the instructions of department officials from the account, they were shocked to know that there were no funds in the account. After verifying the bank statement, it came to light that the amount was drawn through cheque in the name of Manjunath and Jayaram," reads the FIR.

The funds available in IDP account is the fee money collected from students towards exams.

An FIR has been filed at the Vidhana Soudha police station and according to sources from the department, it is not the first time that funds are being misused.

Two years ago, there was a similar incident reported from two government-run polytechnics.

KSRTC holds cultural, sports events for staff

BENGALURU, DHNS: Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Thursday inaugurated the sports and cultural programme for the officers and staff of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC).

He also distributed prizes to the winners of chess, carrom, badminton, table tennis, music, musical chairs, shot put, speed walking and pot-breaking games.

KSRTC MD Akram Pasha, Directors Nandini Devi K (Personnel and Vigilance) and Ibrahim Maigur (Information Technology) and others were present on the occasion. The KSRTC upgraded its sports complex in Shanthinagar last year, said a release.

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Meet the city's child icons

Young B'lureans are finding success in fields like whistling, rock music and magic. Today is Children's Day

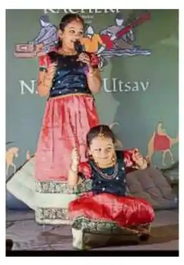
TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

Ahead of Children's Day, *Metrolife* spoke to talented young Bengalureans, aged between four and 16, who are making a mark across various fields — devotional music and whistling to classical dance and magic.

Megan Rakesh at a music festival in Whitefield on October 31. CREDIT: VAMSIFOTO

Sister act

The Athreya Sisters bring together devotional music and classical dance through their Instagram page @Athreyas_Sisters. They have over 95,000 followers.



Dhruti (standing) and Dhanvi Athreya.

Nine-year-old Dhruti Athreya is a Karnatik vocalist and Bharatanatyam dancer. The class 4 student trains in Karnatik music under Vidya Pavan and Veena Varuni, and in Bharatanatyam with Seetha Kote and Malati Vijayasimha.

Dhruti has been performing since age seven. "I practice for half an hour per day and for an hour daily when I have performances," she says.

She is joined in her reels by her four-year-old sister Dhanvi, who mirrors her Bharatanatyam moves. "I just listen to the song and perform," she says.

Some of Dhruti's favourite songs include 'Boochi bandide', 'Rama nama-vembo', and compositions by Vijaya Krishna.

The sisters have performed across Karnataka and Hyderabad. Their parents, Badriprasad and Ashwini, manage their online channels.

Whistling champion

Eleven-year-old Svara Menon began whistling at three — a playful habit that grew into a passion and took her to the World Whistling Championship in Japan in 2024, where she became the first Indian child to win an award.

After starting with simple tunes, Svara now whistles the tunes of English and Hindi songs. Some of her favourites are from the classic 'The Sound of Music'. 'Yeh shaam mastani' ('Kati Patang') and 'Inteha ho gayi intezaar ki' ('Sharaabi') are some of her other picks. At the championship, she performed 'Hungarian dance no. 5' by Johannes Brahms and 'Can't help falling in love' by Elvis Presley.

She practises thrice a week, warming up with breathing exercises. "Low notes are harder because they need a lot of breath control," she says.

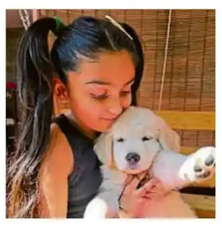
A singer and avid reader too, Svara is currently training for the 2026 World Whistling Championship in Japan.

Celebrity kid-turned-influencer

Eight-year-old Ashmitha Srivatsav, daughter of Kannada actor Shweta Shrivatsa, entertains her 1.59 lakh Instagram followers with snippets of her art, tailoring projects to dress her dolls and playful moments with her dog, Bheema.

She uses the 10-15 minutes of screen time she is allowed per day to explore ideas and read comments. "I feel happy reading them but sometimes get nervous about my next video," she admit.

Ashmitha looks up to her mother and dreams of becoming an actor herself. She enjoys gymnastics, swimming, skating, Bharatanatyam and piano, and has begun editing her own videos. "I hope to make dance videos and makeup tutorials soon," she says.



Teen rock star

At 14, Megan Rakesh — better known as Meg of Meg and the Miracles — has already spent a decade performing. "I see every gig as a chance to make unforgettable memories," she says.

Megan, who is home-schooled, has over 45,000 Instagram followers and loves posting covers of her favourite songs. Influenced by Dio, Mr Big, Whitesnake, AC/DC and Led Zeppelin, her setlists feature tracks like 'Paradise city', 'Crying in the rain', 'Holy diver', and her original songs.She has performed with Parikrama and Girish and The Chronicles, and will headline 'Carnivella', a musical festival, in Imphal this December.

Magical twins

Sixteen-year-old twins Inesh and Ishaan Shenoy, sons of magician Nakul Shenoy, have been fascinated by magic since they were toddlers. Inesh recalls his first trick — a vanishing coin act that ended with a trip to the hospital after he accidentally swallowed the coin. "We share a deep connection despite being fraternal twins," he says.

Ishaan (left) and Inesh Shenoy.

Inesh enjoys ring and rope tricks, while Ishaan's favourite is his comic character- and superhero-themed version of the cups and balls act.

The duo have performed at the Bangalore Literature Festival, Bengaluru Poetry Festival, and at monthly shows at Atta Galatta in Indiranagar. "We want to keep performing and one day take our magic to international stages," says Inesh.

Trekking, camping catching on among Bengaluru kids

Organisers say being in nature makes them resilient and independent

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

A hike near Kanakapura Road organised by the Indiahikes School of Outdoor Learning.

Kids over eight are signing up for multi-day treks through the Western Ghats and even the Himalayas. Younger ones are going on day hikes 75-100 km from the city. Toddlers are joining nature walks.

Organisers try to keep these trips as free of parents and phones as possible, encouraging children to step out of their comfort zones and connect with nature.

Trekking has even crept into birthday celebrations. On Sunday morning, Disha marked her 10th birthday by cutting a cake atop a hillock near Nandi Hills after a 2.5 km hike with friends and family. The organisers had set up a scavenger hunt where children identified plants and rocks along the trail. "I like nature. We saw lizards and found peacock feathers," says the Hennur resident, who has previously done the popular sunrise climb up Skandagiri. Her father, Shane Lobo, says the outdoors help kids unplug from screens, look out for each other as a team, and become more observant.

Naresh Raju of Outdoors Beckon has been organising camps for children in the Western Ghats since 2012. And last year, his team took 10 children, with six from Bengaluru, to the Everest Base Camp. "Our first camp had six kids. Now our groups average 25-35, mostly between the ages of 8 and 16. The return rate is 65-70%. Some participants are dreaming of becoming mountaineers or trek leaders," he says. He has seen kids who break down from homesickness on the first night in their tents become resilient by the fifth day.

Indiahikes School of Outdoor Learning has 47 schools on board, with 17 from Bengaluru. Among them, one school sends its students on compulsory hikes every Sunday, another organises weekday excursions for about 1,000 children annually, and a preschool blocks five dates each year. Programme advisor Mrudula Joshi says day hikes are often the first step for schools hesitant to try overnight camps. "Our programme was meant for high-schoolers, but we opened it to younger kids after some educators saw its impact. Because by their teens, children become less adaptable," she says.

Parents are often "shocked" by how independent their children become after these outings. On day hikes, they help clean the trail. At campsites, they pitch tents, read maps, and do stargazing. Or, cook and pack their own bags, tasks they rarely do at home. "They learn to cope with uncertainties like weather changes, or leeches showing up!" she adds.

'Mountain' Manjunath says word about such transformative experiences spreads quickly in Bengaluru, thanks to its many gated communities. He started the Children's Trek and Travel Club in May and has taken a dozen batches hiking in the past two months. The initiative focuses on children aged 5 to 16 and offers two kids-only hikes each month, besides hosting camps in the Western Ghats. "Most children today are juggling schoolwork and expectations at home. What gets left out is opportunities to connect with nature. If that disappears, we could lose an entire generation's intuitive bond with it," he says.

Summit on disability on Sunday

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Over 800 people with disabilities will come together for the 13th edition of the India Inclusion Summit (IIS) organised by the India Inclusion Foundation (IIF) on November 16.

The day-long event aims to celebrate and spread awareness about disability. It will feature talks, film screenings, musical and dance performances, and art exhibits.

"While there are many exciting talks and performances lined up, personally for me, the highlight is a letter from the Dalai Lama, addressing people with disabilities. We will be giving all the participants a copy of the letter," says V R Ferose, founder and chairman of the IIF.

Priyank Kharge, minister for information technology, will discuss the topic 'Making digital governance truly inclusive'. Additionally, the winners of the The Inclusion Fellowship will present Kharge with the products they have built for people with disabilities.

The former chief justice of India, D Y Chandrachud, who has made numerous landmark judgments on disability, will talk about 'Inclusion as justice'.

Last year's edition saw close to 800 participants.

Chandrachud, who adopted two girls with disabilities in 2015, recently released his book 'Why the Constitution Matters: Selected Speeches'.

Participants will also get to meet the lead actors from the Aamir Khan movie 'Sitaare Zameen Par'.

November 16, 9 am onwards, at Radisson Blu Hotel, Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli. For details, visit indiainclusionsummit.com

3-day Karnatik music event opens today

The Rama Narayana Gurukulum in Nadagrama is celebrating the 102nd birth anniversary of renowned Karnatik vocalist Palghat K V Narayanaswamy.

To commemorate the occasion, a festival of Karnatik performances will be held from November 14 to 16 at Adishesha Vilasa, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, in Malleshwaram. The festival will feature 11 performances over three days — two on the first day, five on the second, and four on the third. A total of 42 artistes will showcase their talents through vocals and instruments such as the veena, violin, mridanga, ghatam, morsing, and khanjira. Some of the notable performers include vocalists B S Pattabhirama Pandit, Anuradha K N, the Bangalore Brothers, and Hemmige S Prashanth, as well as violinists Charulatha Ramanujam, T K V Ramanujacharlu, and Bangalore Praveen. The inaugural ceremony will be held on November 14 at 4 pm at the Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt auditorium, followed by the performances.

For details, contact 99002 00459.

International procyclists make Bengaluru pitstop

The athletes are members of the only cycling team comprising people with diabetes

SHRADDHA A K
TEAM METROLIFE

Sam Brand and Becky Furuta, at the 53rd Annual RSSDI Conference held in Kochi.

Professional cyclists and diabetes ambassadors Sam Brand and Becky Furuta arrived in Bengaluru a few days ahead of November 14, World Diabetes Day. The duo are a part of Team Novo Nordisk, the world's first professional cycling team comprising athletes with diabetes.

Metrolife caught up with the cyclists, who were in India to participate in the 53rd Annual RSSDI Conference, Asia's largest gathering of diabetes researchers, which was held in Kochi.

Both athletes share a common mission: to inspire and empower those living with diabetes through sport. At the conference, Brand and Becky shared their stories of resilience, reminding participants that with the right mindset and care, life with diabetes truly has no limits.

Brand, from New York, United Kingdom, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 10. He has been with Team Novo Nordisk for over 11 years and represented the Isle of Man at the Commonwealth Games in 2022. He continues to compete internationally; most recently, he finished 40th at the Utsunomiya Japan Cup Road Race.

It was 18 years ago that Becky from Colorado, United States, was first diagnosed with diabetes during her second pregnancy. After speculation over whether it was gestational diabetes, doctors diagnosed it as Type 2 due to her family history. But she eventually discovered that it was Type 1. It did not deter her from competing in the USA Track and Field (USATF) Masters National 5 km (where she placed 18th) and ranking 17th in the USATF Grand Prix series. She was the Colorado State Time Trial Champion in 2017 and finished 6th at the 2018 Colorado Classic.

The duo shared that their main reason for speaking out about their condition is to remove the stigma and misconceptions associated with the disease. "Most people are not clued into the different types of diabetes," Brand told *Metrolife*. Becky shared, "When people see me injecting myself with insulin or checking my blood sugar, they assume that something is wrong. They do not understand that it is a normal part of managing our condition."

While they do face many challenges in managing their conditions and being professional athletes, Brand noted, "Both are demanding, but when we combine our preparation with managing our diabetes, it becomes less overwhelming."

Becky added that they had not faced any complications from crashes or injuries due to their diabetes management. "Well-managed diabetes does not create any complications," she told *Metrolife*.

The Novo Run initiative, which organises weekly runs in Bengaluru's Manyata Tech Park, attracts 180 to 200 participants every Saturday morning to promote fitness and raise awareness about diabetes. The programme has been running successfully for a year.

Morning raga: Group takes classical music to the streets

The group sang compositions by Tyagaraja, Purandaradasa and Annamacharya.

About 50 singers walked through the streets of Vidyaranyapura singing classical compositions

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL
TEAM METROLIFE

Last Sunday, the streets of Vidyaranyapura came alive with a Karnatik music procession comprising 40-50 singers and musicians.

The ages-old tradition, called nagara sankeerthana or unchavrithi, was organised by the Bharat Cultural Association. It was spearheaded by Karnatik musician Naveen Namboodiri, one of the members of the Association.

"Growing up in Kerala, I would witness these kinds of processions during the Tyagaraja festival. I wanted to bring that tradition to north Bengaluru, which does not have enough avenues for Karnatik music," says Namboodiri, who has been a Karnatik vocalist for more than 30 years.

The group sang compositions by the trinity of Karnatik music — Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar, and Syama Sastri and other south Indian composers such as Purandaradasa and Annamacharya. "Tyagaraja never wrote down his compositions. He would just sing and his disciples would take down notations. He often took to the streets to sing and seek alms, and people would offer him rice and other essentials. So one of our singers in the procession was dressed as Tyagaraja," Namboodiri says, adding that they also held placards and photographs of other composers. The singing was accompanied by the ganjira.

The procession began at 7.30 am at Shirdi Sai Baba temple and concluded at 8.30 am in the same place. This was followed by aradhana and pancharatna kritis at the temple premises. They hope to conduct the procession once a year.

The Bharat Cultural Association was set up in March 2025 by a group of senior citizens with a keen interest in music. "People from north Bengaluru have to travel long distances — to Malleswaram, Jayanagar or J P Nagar — to attend performances. So we wanted to create a hub for classical music in this part of the city," says Surya Prasad, secretary of the Association. So far, they have held nine concerts featuring musicians like Karnatik vocalist Prince Rama Varma, and veena player Ramana Balachandran.

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Bill dates

In the '90s, when Chandrababu Naidu sought a meeting with Bill Gates, he refused, saying he wasn't the sort to cosy up with politicians. Eventually, Naidu got a 10-minute slot. Once they met, Naidu says, they chatted for 45 minutes, and so a Microsoft office came up in Hyderabad. When Hyderabadis first heard of Greater Noida, they must have wondered, 'Who is this Noida and how is he greater than our Naidu?'

EVENTS

Organic market

The Green Path Restaurant is hosting the 101st edition of the Organic Santhe, a three-day festival that celebrates organic living, from November 14 to 26, 10 am to 8 pm at The Green Path, Malleswaram. For details, call 95382 56777.

Art exhibition

West Bengal's Virasat Art Publication is organising an art exhibition titled 'Hindustan Files — 1757-1950', which showcases the history of colonial India, from November 14 to 23 at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road. Entry free.

On stage

The play, 'Journey from A to E', written by Rumi Harish and directed by James Brunner, will be staged at the Mazumdar-Shaw Auditorium, MAP, Kasturba Road, on November 16, 5 pm onwards. Entry free. For details, visit map-india.org

Two-day festival on nature

The 2025 edition of the Nature inFocus Festival will bring together photographers, filmmakers, researchers and policymakers to share conservation stories. This year's theme, 'Blurring boundaries', highlights the inherent connection between the human and natural worlds.

Speakers such as Sudhir Shivaram, Aathira Perinchery, Vidya Athreya, Romulus Whitaker, Janaki Lenin and the Bedi Brothers will discuss wildlife photography, behavioural ecology, conservation action and natural history filmmaking.

The 'Photography Awards Exhibition' will showcase striking wildlife images from around the world, while screenings of 'Wild Tamil Nadu', 'Cauvery: A River of Life', and other films will feature Indian conservation stories. The festival will also host homegrown sustainable initiatives.

On November 15-16, at Jayamahal Palace. For schedule and tickets, visit festival.natureinfocus.in/2025

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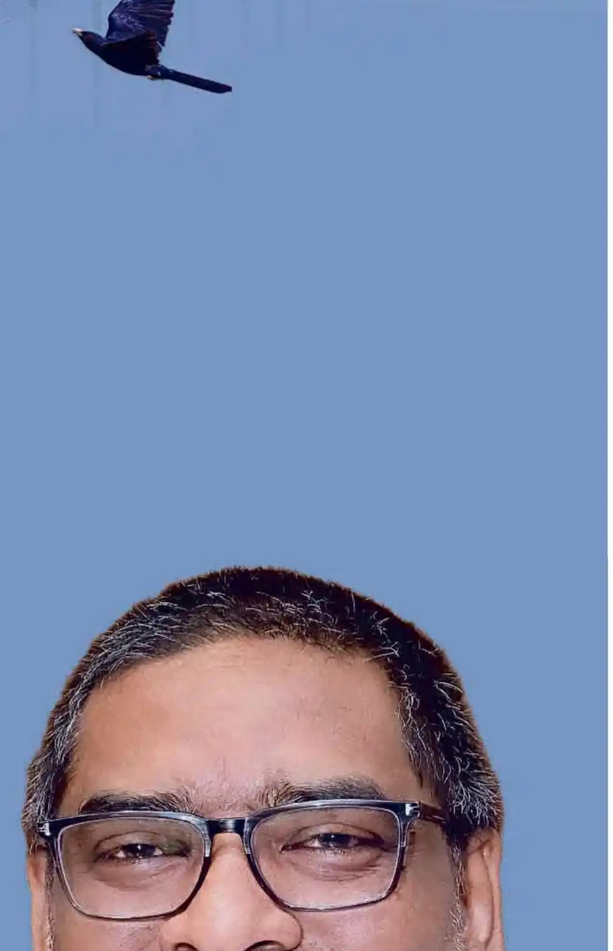

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KLE Society celebrates 110th Foundation Day

Swami Bodhamayananda Maharaj lights a lamp to inaugurate the 110th Foundation Day of KLE Society along with (left to right) Mahantesh Koujalgi, Dr M R Jayaram, Dr B G Desai and Dr Prabhakar Kore.

The remarkable journey of KLE Society is inspiring. Those who planted the seeds of education have nurtured it into countless trees. We must appreciate the tireless efforts of Dr Prabhakar Kore, said Dr M R Jayaram, Vice Chancellor, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, addressing the 110th Foundation Day of KLE Society, held at KLE Centenary Convention Centre, Belagavi.

"The seven founding seers worked tirelessly day and night to meet the educational needs of society. The KLE Society stands tall today because of their sacrifice and vision. We cannot overlook the immense contribution of Dr Prabhakar Kore, who has been leading this vast educational empire for over four decades", he added.

Addressing the students, Dr Jayaram said, "The responsibility on your shoulders is enormous. People look to you for good leadership. I too expect that great leadership for the nation will emerge from you. For the future of India - advance in knowledge, work hand-in-hand with the government, look towards the future while remembering past achievements, and be ready to make great contributions".

He praised KLE Society as "a legacy built on vision, commitment and sacrifice." He also appreciated Dr Kore for leading the institution into a new era of growth and excellence. Dr Jayaram stressed on the need for partnership with the government, especially in the manufacturing sector, for national development. He called on KLE Society to establish a STEM University focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics to support this national mission.

Swami Bodhamayananda Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad, paid homage to the founding seers. Emphasizing on holistic education, he said, "Through knowledge, we can achieve wonders. Knowledge is the power that strengthens both society and the nation. I sincerely remember the seven seers who quenched the thirst for knowledge and brought about a literacy revolution in this region through KLE Society."

"In today's society, due to intense stress and the overwhelming influence of social media, some individuals are turning towards unhealthy paths. It is painful to see young people making grave mistakes. On the one hand, our scientists are reaching space, while on the other, the decline in values is causing distressing incidents in society. We must shape our lives with strong moral values", he added.

In his welcome address, Dr Prabhakar Kore, Chairman, KLE Society, paid tributes to the visionary founders, donors and contributors, stating no amount of respect would be sufficient for their contribution. He said, "KLE stands firmly on the foundation of democracy. The institution has grown beyond barriers of language, religion and caste. Through education, it has met every societal need and made unparalleled contributions in the fields of education, healthcare and research -playing a vital role in nation-building."

Mahantesh Koujalgi, President, KLE Society, delivered the presidential address. KLE Society's secretary Dr B G Desai and chairperson Dr Deepa Metgud, along with board of directors and life members, attended the event. Students, doctors, teachers and nursing staff from various KLE colleges who achieved excellence at the state, national and international levels were felicitated. As many as 66 gold and 49 silver medals were awarded.

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Nod for centres of excellence in quantum AI, defence technology

Rs 36-cr project intends to create five lakh new jobs

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Cabinet on Thursday approved two Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Quantum Artificial Intelligence and Computing and Defence Technology and Industry 5.0 to be built over five years at a cost of Rs 36 crore (Rs 18 crore each).

Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said both projects would come under the Local Economy Accelerator Program (LEAP), which has been assigned Rs 200 crore in this year's Budget (overall Rs 1,000 crore over 5 years).

While DhaRti Foundation and Indian Institute of Technology, Dharwad, will be stakeholders for the implementation of the Defence Technology and Industry 5.0 CoE, the research park foundation of IIT Dharwad will be the partner for the CoE in Quantum Artificial Intelligence. The costs include travel, manpower and outreach.

"This plan intends to create 5 lakh new jobs. Under the plan, startup ecosystem will be developed in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Udupi-Manipal, Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Kalaburagi. Incubators, accelerators, centres of excellence and global technological centres will be established through the life cycle method. A corpus fund of Rs 100 crore for deep development and a Fund of Funds (FoF) will be established at a cost of Rs 300 crore," he said.

Other decisions

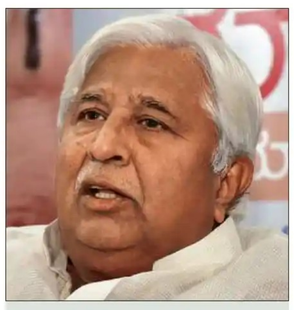
Patil said the Cabinet had discussed three sub-committees that had not submitted their reports even after six months. They are - a Cabinet sub-committee headed by Deputy CM D K Shivakumar to look into the Justice John Michael Cunha Commission report, formed to investigate purchases during the Covid period; a Cabinet sub-committee, also headed by Shivakumar, to analyse financial situation of universities in state and another headed by Home Minister G Parameshwara on Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (NICE Road).

The minister said CM Siddaramaiah urged the committees to submit their reports soon, though no specific time period was mentioned.

The Cabinet also decided to build a guest house for legislators and MPs in Mysuru at a cost of Rs 15 crore.

"Since legislators and MPs have established offices in existing guest house, eminent personalities and officers coming to the guest house are not getting lodging facilities. It will be for public good to have offices of MLAs, MPs and district incharge minister under one roof."

The Cabinet also approved granting 0.06 guntas of land for Congress Bhavan at Molakalmuru in Chitradurga district.



H K PATIL
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K'taka eyes $22-bn space-tech market under new policy

It aims to help train 50,000 professionals in the sector

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka wants to corner half of India's space technology market by 2033 and train 50,000 professionals for the sector under a new policy approved by the Cabinet on Thursday.

The Karnataka Space Technology Policy 2025-30 offers incentives worth Rs 225 crore.

It aims to help train 50,000 professionals for the space sector and attract $3 billion in investments for manufacturing, assembly, integration and testing in the state.

Under the policy, a Space Manufacturing Park will be created "to catalyze agglomeration of industrial units and support the industry with seamless and affordable access to existing testing facilities, test beds and centres for design, manufacturing, assembly and integration of space systems, sub-systems and components."

The policy will support 500 Karnataka-based startups and MSMEs with grants, financial support and a Centre of Excellence "...to enable design, manufacturing, assembly, integration, testing, launching and operations of 50 satellites from Karnataka."

According to the policy document, the space sector is projected to be valued at $44 billion by 2033 in India, including $11 billion in exports and generate $22 billion in investments.

Karnataka wants to have a $22 billion market share in space technology, which will be half of India's, by 2033.

"Within India, Karnataka, particularly Bengaluru, is the preeminent space cluster for both conventional and NewSpace sectors," the policy states. Karnataka has over 2,500 companies that are vendors to ISRO. "Karnataka not only tops the list of registered space startups. Karnataka-based startups have received $150 million in investments, which is 35% of the total funding received by NewSpace enterprises in India," the policy state.

Bellandur Road gets new station, speed trial on new double line set for Nov 16

BENGALURU, DHNS: The work on new railway station at Bellandur Road is almost over with five tracks, a pedestrian subway and two renovated platforms. The upgrade is part of the 48-km Baiyappanahalli-Hosur double line project.

Anekal Road is also getting a new station, three platforms and a foot overbridge. A new crossing (halt) station with four tracks has also come up at Huskur, near Electronics City, to facilitate goods train movement. Passenger trains are not planned to stop there, said a senior official from Railway Infrastructure Development Company Karnataka (K-RIDE).

New station buildings have already been constructed at Karmelaram and Heelalige under the project, he added.

The project was sanctioned by the Railway Board in 2018-19 at a cost of Rs 498 crore, with the railways and Karnataka sharing the cost equally. Work started in June 2020.

The doubling aims to speed up train operations and enable more services between Baiyappannahalli and Hosur. K-RIDE commissioned the Carmelaram-Heelalige section (10.5 km) in 2023 and is now set to operationalise Bellandur Road–Carmelaram (3 km).

Commissioner of Railway Safety (Southern Circle) A M Chowdhary will conduct a speed trial on this section on November 16, with trains running at over 120 kmph, K-RIDE said.

A view of the renovated platform at Bellandur Road railway station. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Train diversions

Due to pre-non-interlocking and non-interlocking works for commissioning the Belandur Road–Karmelaram double line and Huskur Halt station, the following trains will be diverted on November 16:

Train number 12677 SMVT Bengaluru-Ernakulam Daily Superfast Express will be diverted via SMVT Bengaluru, KR Puram, Jolarpettai, Tirupattur and Salem, skipping Karmelaram, Hosur and Dharmapuri.

Train number 16529 SMVT Bengaluru-Karaikal Daily Express will be diverted via SMVT Bengaluru, Baiyappanahalli, KR Puram, Jolarpettai, Tirupattur and Salem, skipping stoppages from Belandur Road to Omalur.

Train number 16211 Yeshwantpur-Salem Daily Express will be diverted via Yeshwantpur, Lottegollahalli, Hebbal, Banaswadi, SMVT Bengaluru, KR Puram, Jolarpettai and Salem, skipping stoppages from Belandur Road to Omalur.

Train number 20641 Bengaluru Cantonment-Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express will be diverted via KR Puram, Bangarapet, Tirupattur and Salem, skipping Hosur and Dharmapuri.

Train number 20642 Coimbatore-Bengaluru Cantonment Vande Bharat Express will be diverted via Salem, Tirupattur, Jolarpettai A Cabin, Bangarapet, KR Puram and Bengaluru Cantonment, skipping Dharmapuri and Hosur.

Train number 11014 Coimbatore-Lokmanya Tilak Daily Express will be diverted via Salem, Tirupattur, Jolarpettai A Cabin, Bangarapet, KR Puram and Bengaluru Cantonment, skipping Dharmapuri and Hosur.

DKS hails SC order on Mekedatu; says state will continue dam work

BENGALURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday interpreted the Supreme Court's decision junking a plea by Tamil Nadu against Karnataka's Mekedatu project as a "victory for Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry."

"The Mekedatu project benefits Tamil Nadu more than Karnataka as it would help us release the stipulated amount of water to Tamil Nadu. As a result, this SC ruling is as much a victory for Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry as it is for Karnataka," Shivakumar told reporters.

The Mekedatu initiative, which envisions providing drinking water to Bengaluru and nearby regions, is a pet project of Shivakumar.

"We are committed to SC ruling. We will continue to work on the dam, which will be built on Karnataka's soil. The court has also directed Central Water Commission (CWC) and Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) to take all necessary actions with respect to this project and hence we don't need to go back to the court for future course of action. We will obtain all necessary permissions needed for the project from relevant departments," Shivakumar said.

Recalling the Mekedatu campaign which the Congress began while in the Opposition, he said: "We had started the 'Our Water Our Right' campaign from Mekedatu, and then we came to power in the state. Tamil Nadu had moved the Supreme Court against the project. The Supreme Court conducted a quick hearing and has given its ruling," he explained.

Shivakumar pointed out that instead of the 148 tmcft of water that had to be released to Tamil Nadu by now, Karnataka had already released 299 tmcft.

The deputy chief minister noted that he and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would take an all-party delegation and meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Jal Shakti Minister to "pressurise" on the issue.

Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil noted that he and his Cabinet colleagues had congratulated Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar for the favourable development.

Confident that Modi will protect country, says Cong MLA

HOSAPETE (VIJAYANAGAR DIST), DHNS: Congress MLA H R Gaviappa said on Thursday that he had confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi that he would ensure the country's protection, in the wake of the recent terror attack in Delhi.

The MLA was addressing reporters here. He said that the blast near the Red Fort in the national capital should not have occurred, but added that such blasts had never taken place in the country in the last 10 years.

He said it would not be possible to provide water for a second crop for farmers in the Tungabhadra command area, since work on replacing the crest gates had to be undertaken and sought co-operation from farmers in this regard. Once the crest gates were installed, farmers would get water for a second crop, the legislator said.

Bee attack: 25 students in hospital

CHIKKAMAGALURU, DHNS: As many as 25 students were hospitalised following a bee attack near a private college in Chikkamagaluru on Thursday. It is alleged that some persons threw stones at a beehive on a tree near the college during the lunch break. The bees attacked the students, stinging 25 of them.

Charge memo to IPS officer: HC refuses to stay CAT order

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka high court has refused to stay an order passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), setting aside the charge memo issued by the state government, on the orders of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, against senior IPS officer Alok Kumar.

A Division Bench comprising Justices Shyam Prasad and T M Nadaf declined the plea for an interim order of stay moved by the state government in its petition challenging the CAT order.

The issue pertains to an audio clip of an illegally intercepted conversation/call surfaced in the media in August 2019. After the FIR, the case was transferred to the CBI. The CBI filed its first closure report dated in June 2021 and recommended regular departmental action in September 2021.

In 2023, the then Basavaraj Bommai government had not found it fit to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Alok Kumar. The fresh charge memo against Alok Kumar was issued on May 9, 2025. On Alok Kumar's application challenging this memo, the CAT chairperson Ranjit More had opined that the timing of the charge memo legitimately invites doubt about the propriety of exercise of process of conducting departmental enquiry. The CAT said the charge memo was revived two years after the previous chief minister's note against the enquiry, and just days before Alok Kumar's scheduled promotion to the rank of Director-General of Police by the end of May 2025.

Challenging the CAT order, the state government claimed that the interference by the tribunal at the stage of charge sheet/show cause notice in departmental proceedings is contrary to settled legal position. "What has been issued is a notice under Rule 8(4) of All India Services [Discipline and Appeal] Rules, 1969 whereby it has been stated that it is proposed to hold an inquiry against him. The perusal of charges cited show that they are very serious, and the supporting documents indicate that there is substantial material for the department to prove the charges," the state government said.

However, the division bench observed that the Tribunal's interference was based on the decision taken by a chief minister on May 9, 2023, and the Tribunal also interfered on the question whether it was open to the next chief minister to review this decision.

Family courts have no power to issue look out circular to execute order of maintenance: HC

AMBARISH B
BENGALRUU, DHNS

The Karnataka High Court has said that the family courts have no power to issue the look out circular (LOC) in the process of executing an order of maintenance passed under CrPC Section 125. Justice Lalitha Kanneganti said this while setting aside the order passed by the Principal Judge, Family Court, Mangaluru against the husband on the application filed by the wife.

The petitioner husband claimed that as per CrPC Section 125(3) the court may issue a warrant for levying the amount due in the manner provided for fines as prescribed under CrPC Section 421. Section 421 provides for a warrant for levy of fine by attachment of sale of immovable property. The advocate for the petitioner further submitted that the family court had already passed an order to recover the amount due by issuing the warrant of attachment and selling the property.

On the other hand, the wife contended that when there is an order of maintenance passed by the family court, it is the duty of the husband to comply. She said that the petitioner conveniently stayed out of the country and failed to comply with the order.

During the pendency of this petition, the high court had passed an interim order staying the operation of the LOC order, subject to the condition that the petitioner husband will appear before the executing court and deposit Rs two lakh. The advocate for the petitioner alleged that despite the interim order, the husband was not permitted to travel.

Taking serious view of this, Justice Lalitha Kanneganti directed the Director and Inspector General of Police to ensure that whenever an order is passed suspending an LOC, the same has to be communicated to the Bureau Of Immigration and the responsibility shall be fixed on the officer who requests for opening of a LOC. "If the concerned office fails to act diligently, departmental action shall be initiated against the concerned," the court said.

Insofar as the order passed by the family court, Justice Lalitha Kanneganti said that issuing a look out circular is beyond the jurisdiction conferred on the courts while executing an order under CrPC section 125.

"The Family Court has no power to issue the look out circular in the process of executing an order that is passed under Section 125 of CrPC. Maintenance orders passed under Section 125 of CrPC is a civil obligation enforced through judicial orders. If a party defaults the remedy is to seek execution of the order i.e., attachment of property, warrant of arrest and civil imprisonment. Look out circulars are meant to prevent the accused/offenders from evading the criminal process. The LOC cannot be issued for recovering the dues of maintenance," the court said, directing the Registrar General to communicate a copy of the order to all the courts dealing with CrPC Section 125 as well as to DG and IGP.

South East Central Railway
Tender Notice for Electrical Works

Tender No. : 21-CEE-C-SECR-2025, Dated : 10.11.2025.
Name of Work: "Electrical OHE Portion of work: (1) BSP: Augmentation of Electric Loco Shed/BSP - Phase-A (2) Creation of Advance Inspection Centre for Inspection and maintenance of Electric Locomotive at ELS/BSP
Tender Value : ₹ 1,70,21,330.10/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakh Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty and Ten Paise) only. **EMD** : ₹ 2,35,100/- (Rupees Two Lekh Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Only), **Date & Time of Tender Closing**: At 15.30 Hrs. on 03.12.2025. **Date & Time of Tender Opening :** At 15:45 Hrs. on 03.12.2025. **Completion period :** 12 (Twelve) Months from the date of issue of LOA. **Website particulars & notice board location:** For further details/ related to tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work, please refer/download tender document which is available on our website http://www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Con)/HQ
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(SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION WORKSHOP)
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E-Tender

For and on behalf of the president of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023, invites E-Tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payment gateway or through available modes as mentioned in Tender document.

TENDER NOTICE No SGW-S-203-SN-568178-25 dated 11.11.2025

1.	Name of work	Manufacture and supply of Safety Nuts and Bolts for Ground Connection 220mm to implement additional Safety features in Ground Connection and Clamp Point Lock Assembly for 220 mm Stroke Point Machine. (Qty-900 Sets).
2.	Approximate cost of the work	₹ 1,54,78,650/- Including GST @ 18%
3.	Earnest money to be deposited	₹ 2,27,400/-
4.	Completion period of work	3 Months
5.	Date and time of closing of tender.	15.00 Hrs of 27.11.2025
6.	Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

For further details, visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023.

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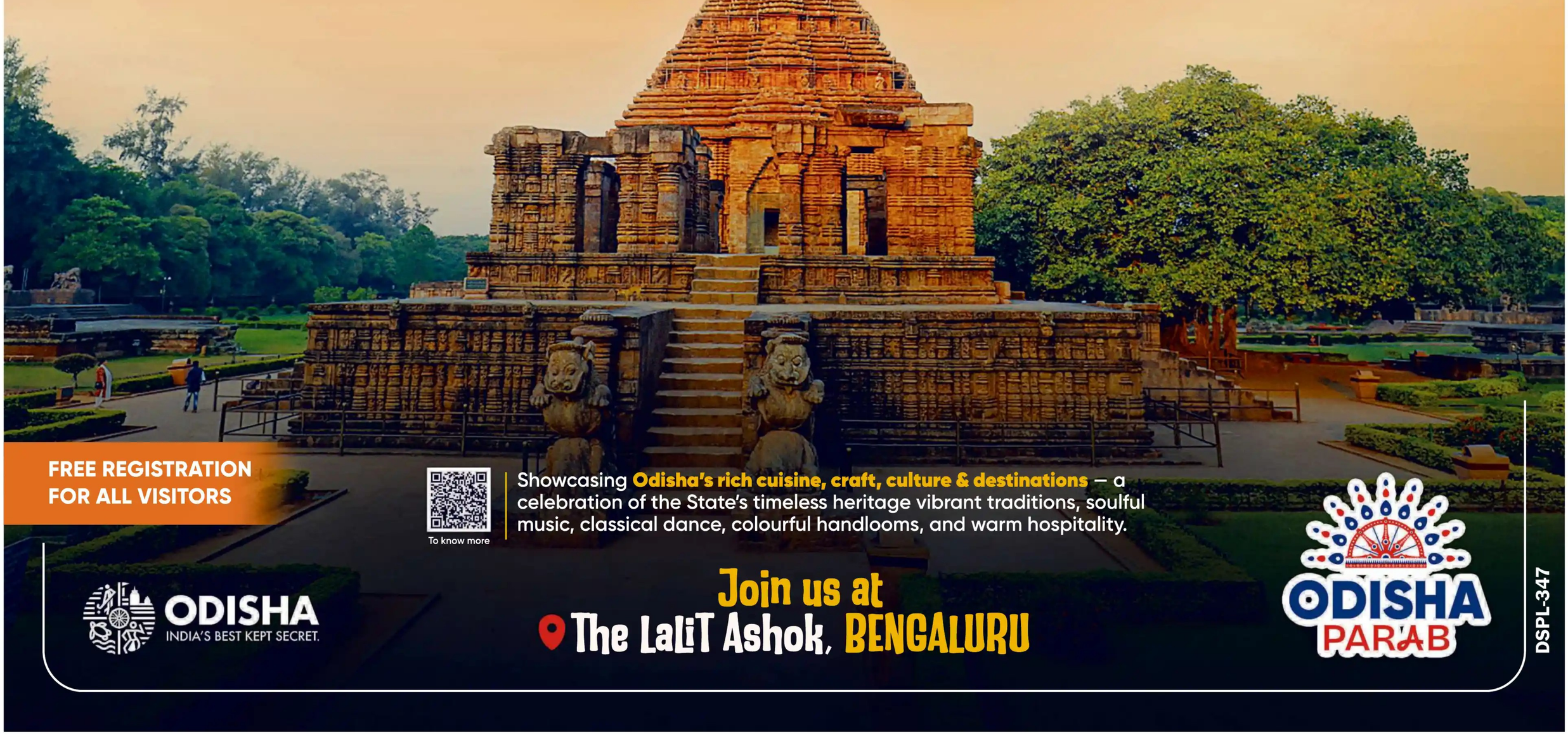

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Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/133/2025 Dated : 29-07-2025

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
RFP for Construction of New Broad Gauge line including Electrical, Signal & Telecommunication works between Jumlapur Road (Excl) Ch: 75400 and Gurgunta (incl) Ch: 134950 (59.55 km) under Gadag - Wadi New line Project on EPC Mode. **(Tender Ref. No. JUMLAPUR-GURGUNTA-EPC)**	Rs. 964,51,54,197/-

Date of Closing

Existing	Modified
25-11-2025 (15:00 Hrs.)	**29-12-2025 (15:00 Hrs)**

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E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2025-26/21 Dated : 06-11-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Shifting of 220/25kv Traction Transformers between BID Traction Sub-Station and WFD Traction Sub-Station including dismantling, transportation, erection and commissioning.	Rs. 46,87,992/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 28-11-2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Traction Distribution / Bengaluru

PUB/630/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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CENTRAL RAILWAY

SOLAPUR DIVISION

ENGINEERING WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms / contractor for the following works. **Tender Notice No. 30-2025-Sr/DEN, Name of Work -** 01.ADEN/W/SUR- Mechanical cleaning of underground drainage and manhole of underground drainage, repairs to existing manholes, drainage cover of underground drainage in Solapur yard, infront of Solapur station, C&W coaching complex (pitline) old good shed area, old pitline, DRM office campus and various colonies and service building at Solapur by mechanical cleaning machines. 02.Mechanical cleaning of manhole and underground drainage, repairs to existing manholes and provision of drainage cover in colonies and service building at KUI, WADI section under ADEN-KLBG Sub Division. **Approximate Cost of the work -** Rs. 1,92,00,201.37/-, **Earnest Money -** Rs. 2,46,000.00/-, **Completion period of the work -** 24 Months, **Maintenance Period -** 06 Months. **Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website** - 27/11/2025 upto 15:00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in** - 27/11/2025 at 15:30 hrs. **The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/ corrigendum issued for this tender. Website: www.ireps.gov.in.**

Divisonal Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur

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CORRIGENDUM-01
AGAINST EOI (NOTICE NO. 43 OF 2025); DATE: 21-10-2025

No. W/362/1/A /43/2025 **Dated:12.11.2025**

Name of work: Expression of Interest (EOI) from Indian consulting agencies for Architectural Consultancy service for preparation of Detail Architectural and Structural drawings and final BOQ for Construction of B1+B2+G+12 storey IT-HUB at Paltan Bazar, N.F. Railway, Guwahati, Assam.

S. No.	Critical Dates	Date (Written as)	Time (Written as)	Date (Read as)	Time (Read as)
3	EOI Document Download End Date	20.11.2025	Upto10:00 Hrs	27.11.2025	Upto 10: 00 Hrs
5	EOI Document submission End Date	20.11.2025	Upto15:00 Hrs.	27.11.2025	Upto 15: 00 Hrs.
6	EOI Document Opening Date	20.11.2025	At 15:30 Hrs.	27.11.2025	At 15:30 Hrs.

B. Financial Strength:

Note:(Written as)

- Estimated Cost of the project: **Rs. 2,16,60,91,811.30 (approx.)**
- Minimum eligibility criteria i.e. Work experience and Financial Strength of the Consultants will be decided as per estimated cost of the project.
- Shortlisting post EOI will be done as per Eligibility and pre-qualification criteria at 10.0
- Shortlisted consultants will then be issued the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Note:(Read as)

- Estimated Cost of the project: **Rs. 2,16,60,91,811.30 (approx.)**
- Estimated Consultancy fee put to tender: **Rs. 1,37,42,080.00 (approx.)**
- Minimum eligibility criteria i.e. Work experience of the Consultants will be decided as per estimated cost of the project and Financial Strength of the consultant will be decided as per the estimated consultancy fee.
- Shortlisting post EOI will be done as per Eligibility and pre-qualification criteria at 10.0
- Shortlisted consultants will then be issued the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Divisional Engineer/Guwahati, Maligaon

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Very Short E-Tender/Horti/03/2025-26

S.No.	Tender No.	Horti/03/25-26
1	Name of Work	Supply of Quality Planting Materials of Fruits/Tissue Culture Plants and Flowers under various Scheme of Directorate of Horticulture/State Horticulture Mission Jharkhand for FY 2025-26
2	Period	FY 2025-26
3	Tender Form Cost	Not applicable as per Jharkhand Procurement of Goods and Services Manual 2024
4	Total Project Cost	Rs. 2400.00 Lakhs (Item wise tentative cost is mentioned in annexure-ix of BID Paper)
5	EMD Amount	48.00 Lakh (to be paid online only)
6	Date of Publication of tender on website	14-11-2025
7	Document Download Period	14-11-2025 from 10:00 AM to 24-11-2025, 10:00 AM
8	Online Bid Submission Period (BID shall be submitted only on and through http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in.)	14-11-2025 from 10:00 AM to 24-11-2025, 12:00 PM
9	EMD submission date	The tender documents along with EMD as mentioned in the document should be submitted online only till date 24-11-2025, 12:00 PM
10	Date and Place of Technical Bid Opening	25-11-2025 at 01:00 PM Directorate of Horticulture, 3rd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008
11	Date and Place of Financial Bid Opening	28-11-2025 at 02:00 PM Directorate of Horticulture, 3rd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008
12	Name and Address of the tender inviting Authority	Ms. Madhvi Mishra, Director Horticulture, Jharkhand, Ranchi
13	Contact No. of e-procurement officer	7903964045

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)

NOTIFICATION

Bengaluru, 31st October 2025

S.O. 4963(E)--In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 20 A of the Railway Act 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act). the central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which has been given in the schedule annexed hereto, is required for the execution of the Special railway project, in lieu of Level crossing No. 33 (Pandithanahalli Gate) for construction of Two lane ROB with Service Road and RUB", in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land:

Any person interested in the said land may, within Thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of Section 20D of the said Act:

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru for ROB / RUB's in lieu of level crossing No. 33 (Pandithanahalli gate) for construction of Two lane ROB with Service Road and RUB in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections:

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 20D of the said Act shall be final:

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer. Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure. falling with in the proposed Special Railway Project of bridges in lieu of Level crossing No. 33 (Pandithanahalli gate) for construction of Two lane ROB with Service Road and RUB in the state of Karnataka.

DISTRICT: TUMAKURU **TALUK: TUMAKURU**
HOBLI: URDIGERE **VILLAGE: PANDITHANAHALLI**

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Beneficiary	Acquired Extent (In Acres - Guntas)				Classi-fication of land
			Total (A-G)	A Kharab (A-G)	B Kharab (A-G)	Balance (A-G)	
1	50/3	B.G. Gangahanumegowda S/o. Gangappa	0-03 1/2	-	-	0-03 1/2	Dry
2	53/3	Gowramma W/o. Late Hanumanthaiah, Lakshmamma W/o. Late Lakshmaiah	0-02 1/2	-	-	0-02 1/2	Dry
3	55/1	Narasimhaiah and Narasimhamurthy Sons of Narasamma, Lakshmaiah S/o. Anjani, Hanumanthaiah S/o. Anjani, Gangamma S W/o. Satheesh, Siddaiah S/o. Ramaiah, H. Gangahanumaiah S/o. Hanumarasaiah, Chikkahanumaiah S/o. Hanumaiah, L. Narasahanumaiah S/o. Lenkappa	0-03 1/2	-	-	0-03 1/2	Dry
4	56	Narasimhamurthy D.P. S/o. Late Doddaiah	0-01	-	-	0-01	Dry
5	56	Kulalavadi Inam, Puttahanuma, Danahanuma, Sanjeeva, Gangahanumaiah, Lenkahanuma, Gangamma W/o. Huchahanuma	0-02 1/2	-	-	0-2 1/2	Dry
6	57/6	M.N. Lakshmikanthaiah S/o. Narasegowda	0-00 1/2	-	-	0-00 1/2	Alienated Land
7	Road	National Highway-48 to towards North, Pandithanahalli Village Road, From Sy.No. 50/3 to Sy.No. 57/4	0-33	-	0-33	-	Govt.
		Total	**1-06 1/2**	**-**	**0-33**	**0-13 1/2**	**-**

ABSTRACT

Dry	Alienated Land	Kharab	Total
0-13	0-00 1/2	0-33	1-06 1/2

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

(Pardeep Puri)
Chief Engineer-III/Construction/
South Western Railway, Bengaluru Cantonment

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Our client ('**Client**') is desirous of entering into a sale transaction in connection with the immovable property morefully described in the '**Schedule**' hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the '**Schedule Property**' with **Tata Consumer Products Limited**, having its registered office at No. 1, Bishop Lefroy Road, Kolkata - 700 020, and corporate office at 11/13, Botawala Building, 1st floor, Office No. 2-6, Horniman Circle, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001 ('**Owner**'). The Owner has represented to our Client that it is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owner, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property is/ are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property or their objections, if any, to the transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received within the said period of 15 (fifteen) days, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owner has/ have any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property. Further any claims or alleged interests, if any, which are not received within the said period of 15 (fifteen) days shall be deemed to have been consciously waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall thereafter not be binding on our Client and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the sale transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

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(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal No. 57, E-PID No. 4083975326 (bearing Old Site No. 1, Block 1, Kumara Park West Extension), Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore – 560 020, measuring 1061.97 Square Meters/ 11431 Square Feet along with a commercial building constructed thereon comprising of a basement floor, ground floor, mezzanine floor, first floor, second floor, third floor and terrace floor having a total built up area of about 2,339.59 Square Meters and bounded on the:

East by : Railway Parallel Road;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Property bearing Municipal No. 58; and
South by : Approach to Explora Marbles.

Date: 14.11.2025
Place: Bengaluru.

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Bengaluru – 560 025.
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 24/2025/SBC Dated: 10.11.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items:

Tender No.	Description in Brief
L8256809	Supply of Sealed Maintenance free VRLA Battery set of 60 cells (Stackable), in combination of 55+5 cells **(Qty: 23 Sets)**

Last date for Submission/Tender Due on: **Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 10.12.2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/644/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Bengaluru**

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Govt looks at air-to-water tech to help water-scarce regions

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka is exploring the use of technology that creates drinking water from air as the government looks to solve a crucial challenge in a drought-prone state.

Panchayat Raj and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge held talks with Chennai-based deep-tech startup Aeronero and discussed its air-to-water technology.

"Their patented technology condenses moisture from the atmosphere, mineralizes and sterilizes it and delivers safe alkaline drinking water without depending on groundwater or other natural sources," Priyank said in a statement.

"The solution is modular and scalable, from small units for individual homes to larger systems that can serve entire communities and schools," he stated.

"We are exploring a pilot deployment in a few panchayats to understand feasibility, cost and long-term sustainability. If successful, this can help address drinking water challenges in water-scarce regions," the minister said.

He said his rural development & panchayat raj (RDPR) department wanted to make villages "water-secure and energy-secure" and "technology interventions like these help us move closer toward that goal."

About 80% of Karnataka's geographical area is prone to droughts with many taluks witnessing a dry spell for over three consecutive weeks. This makes Karnataka the second most arid Indian state after Rajasthan.

TOIL TURNS TRASH: Stone pelting on growers triggered them, say protestors

Farmers set fire to tractor loads of sugarcane

MAHALINGPUR (BAGALKOT DIST), DHNS

The protest by sugarcane farmers took a turn for the worse here on Thursday evening, with protesters setting fire to sugarcane loaded in over 50 tractors.

The growers are demanding that Rs 3,500 should be provided per tonne of sugarcane procured from them.

The farmers, who were protesting in Mudhol, got news that puja was being performed to the cane carrier machine to launch the crushing work at Godavari sugar factory at Sameerawadi (Rabakavi-Banahatti taluk) near here. Soon, they went in large numbers to the factory and and laid a siege to it.

On the way, they waylaid tractors transporting the produce at Rannabelagali and Sanganatti Cross, pushed them to the road and set the sugarcane afire.

On reaching Godavari factory, they set ablaze to sugarcane that had been ferried in over 50 tractors that had been parked there.

Farmers said they were on their way to the factory to claim dues, but miscreants threw stones at them, when they reached the barricades placed outside the factory, triggering the farmers to set fire to the sugarcane loads.

Farmer leader Suresh Chinchali said one farmer was severely injured when a flying stone hit his head.

Following the incident, the sugarcane growers couldn't hold talks with company officials over pending dues and returned to Mudhol.

Another farmer leader said it had been decided that sugarcane should not be harvested till a price of Rs 3,500 was fixed per tonne.

But some farmers were violating this and were transporting the produce to the factory, explaining about what led the growers to set fire to the sugarcane.

Loads of sugarcane burn after they were set ablaze by angry farmers at Godavari sugar factory at Sameerawadi in Rabakavi-Banahatti taluk of Bagalkot district on Thursday.

Address farmers' woes soon: Kumaraswamy

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Thursday urged the state government to take immediate steps to address problems faced by sugarcane farmers in the state.

"The crisis faced by sugarcane farmers has intensified. The sight of tractors loaded with sugarcane catching fire in the yard of the Mudhol sugar factory has deeply shocked me. This is a clear indication of the failure of the @INCKarnataka Government," he posted on X.

When farmers in Belagavi protested, the government rushed to placate them, but it has completely failed to address the larger crisis affecting sugarcane growers across the state. As a result, the patience of farmers in Mudhol has now reached a breaking point, the JD(S) leader said.

"The government must abandon its opportunistic approach. It should not look at farmers' distress through the narrow lens of political power. Instead, it must show magnanimity and genuine concern. I stand firmly with the farmers of Mudhol," the former chief minister said.

He urged the government to take immediate steps to resolve the crisis.

"A permanent solution must be found to ensure that such distress does not recur for sugarcane growers," he said.

6 held for stone pelting during farmers' protest near Hukkeri

BELAGAVI, DHNS: Six people who had pelted stones on police personnel, their vehicles and other vehicles during protests by farmers at Hattargi in Hukkeri taluk of the district, posing as farmers, were arrested by the police on Thursday.

The incident had occurred near the toll plaza on the Pune-Bengaluru national highway on November 7.

Superintendent of Police Dr Bheemashankar Guled told reporters here that during protests for Rs 3,500 per tonne of sugarcane, leaders of farmers organisations had informed police that some miscreants would create problems as they were in an inebriated state.

"We verified videos and CCTV footage, identified six persons from different places in Hukkeri taluk and arrested them," he said.

The suspects are Channagouda Sasalatti, Prashant Mugali, Vinayak Kothiwale (of Hebbal), Mallappa Ghatgi (of Ullagaddi Khanapur), Shivappa Wani of Kesti and Somnath Hiremath of Bidrewadi, he said. They were presented before the court, which remanded them in judicial custody.

Bandh called by sugarcane growers in Mudhol total

MUDHOL (BAGALKOT DIST), DHNS: The bandh called by sugarcane farmers in the town for better remunerative prices evoked a good response on Thursday.

Shops and business establishments had downed their shutters in support of the bandh.

Thousands of farmers took out a procession in tractors, autos and bullock carts from Sangolli Rayanna circle and passed through the main thoroughfares of the town. Auto drivers of the town also participated in the protest to express solidarity with the farmers. Sugarcane growers from Belagavi district too had come to Mudhol to join the protest march.

Sugarcane farmers take out a procession during a bandh called to demand better prices for their produce at Mudhol in Bagalkot district on Thursday.

Growers, factories reach pact in Haveri; stir off

The meeting held till late on Wednesday night between sugarcane farmers and owners of three sugar factories of the district was successful, prompting the growers to withdraw their agitation, reports DHNS from Haveri.

The breakthrough happened with VINP factory at Konanakeri in Shiggaon taluk agreeing to give Rs 2,850 per tonne of sugarcane procured (exclusive of harvesting and transport expenses) and GM sugar factories at Sangur in Haveri taluk and at Rattihalli agreeing to give Rs 2,775 (exclusive of harvesting and transport expenses). The GM factories are owned by former MP G M Siddeshwara.

The farmers demanded that the DC should put an end to the cheating of farmers in the weighing of the produce and in sugar recovery rate.

Meeting in Bidar inconclusive

The meeting called on Thursday by the district administration with growers to fix sugarcane prices concluded inconclusively, reports DHNS from Bidar.

Deputy commissioner Shilpa Sharma told reporters that an amount of Rs 2,900 would be paid for every tonne of sugarcane procured from farmers, including Rs 50 announced by the chief minister.

But the farmers were not ready to accept the proposal. They demanded that a minimum of Rs 3,100 should be given per tonne.

The growers warned that they would be forced to resume their protest if their demand was not met and left the meeting, which came on the back of a mega stir organised at Humnabad in the district.

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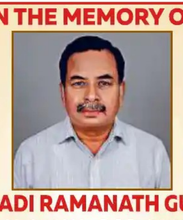

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RSS to follow rules for the first time in 100 years: Priyank

BENGALURU, DHNS: RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge said Thursday that the RSS would hold a march by following the rule of the land "for the first time in its 100-year history."

"An organisation that spent a century defying India's Independence movement, opposing the Constitution, the National Flag and ignoring the law is now learning to respect and follow it. No one is above the law: not individuals, not institutions and certainly not organisations that think they are bigger than the Constitution," the minister said on X (formerly Twitter).

Priyank was responding to the High Court permitting the RSS to conduct its route march in Chittapur, which Priyank represents in the Assembly.

The minister said though the march had been permitted, it was within "strict" limits, such as only 300 participants allowed, no participants from outside Chittapur, must follow the approved route and time and maintain peace and ensure no disturbance.

Nov 30 deadline for vehicle registrations

BENGALURU, DHNS

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has directed officials in the department to scrutinise and close all pending vehicle registration applications at the Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) by November 30. He was speaking at a review meeting here on Thursday. It was noted that pending registration applications were mounting across the state, of which about 50% were new registrations.

A department official told *DH* that a software glitch, in addition to errors during digitisation of transport department data, had resulted in a backlog of cases, and that the department was working towards fixing it.

The minister ordered officials to issue fitness certificates to public transport vehicles only after ensuring emergency doors are installed.

"Be it a local bus or a luxury one, emergency doors are mandatory. In many buses, they only have windows for emergency exits. That is not enough. How will children and the elderly use them? Keeping this in mind, we have mandated that an emergency door is essential. No matter when the vehicle is registered, if these vehicles want to operate in Karnataka, they will have to adhere to our rules," Reddy told *DH*, adding that the department will also be cracking down on excessive/commercial baggage being transported in public buses.

Authorities across the state have been informed to diligently levy the Karnataka State tax on buses with All India Tourist permits.

Apart from this, officials were ordered to strictly inspect school vehicles before renewing fitness certificates. The minister instructed the Transport Commissioner to form a special investigation team and conduct monthly inspections of school vehicles.

It was noted that so far, this financial year, the department has earned Rs 7,451.45 crore. The government has set a target of Rs 14,457.73 crore for the department in 2025-26.

State seeks to rename 4 rly stations

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka has sought to rename four railway stations to reflect local cultural heritage and has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard.

Vijayapura is proposed to be named after Jnanayogi Siddeshwar Swamiji, Belagavi after Basava Mahaswamiji, Bidar after Channabasava Pattadevaru and Suragondanakoppa (Shivamogga dist) as Bhayagada.

Minister for Infrastructure Development M B Patil said on Thursday that the stations were proposed to be named after saints who contributed to Karnataka's spiritual and social heritage.

He urged the ministry to approve and notify the changes in the gazette at the earliest. In recent years, Karnataka has had names of several stations changed. These are Bengaluru City Junction (Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Bengaluru), Hubballi Junction (Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Junction and Haveri (Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station - Haveri). Bengaluru's new terminal in Baiyappanahalli is named after legendary engineer Sir M Visvesvaraya.

HC extends stay on SC internal quota matrix till Dec 3

BENGALURU, DHNS: The High Court on Thursday extended till December 3 the interim order restraining the state government from making any appointments based on the August 25, 2025, notification fixing a 6:6:5 internal reservation matrix for the Scheduled Caste (SC) category.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj extended the interim order after the counsel, appearing for the state government, sought time to file a statement of objections.

The petition is filed by the Confederation of Untouchable Nomadic Communities of Karnataka and others, challenging the August 25, 2025, notification.

The petitioners contended that the order makes arbitrary sub-classification among SC categories without objective criteria of inter-se backwardness.

They claim to belong to certain nomadic communities that are the most backward. They further claim to be inadequately represented and have been placed below the advanced homogeneous communities, placed at Group-A and Group-B of the order, by inserting a Group-C along with the other heterogeneous communities. The petitioners said that in any stretch, nomadic communities have no homogeneous nexus with other communities in Group C.

"Though the recruitment process could go on, the respondents are restrained from appointing any persons in pursuance of the said notification," the judge had noted in the October 16 interim order.

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Agri minister calls for 'lab to land' revolution at Krishi Mela

BENGALURU, DHNS

The four-day Krishi Mela 2025, organised by the University of Agriculture Sciences, was inaugurated at the Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra (GKVK) by Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy here on Thursday.

On till November 16, under the theme 'Prosperous Agriculture, Developed India' (Soil, Water and Crops), the fair is positioned as a platform for connecting scientific research with farming communities to combat modern environmental challenges.

In his inaugural address, Chaluvarayaswamy highlighted the transformation of farming from a mere livelihood to a "science-based technology".

He pointed out advancements ranging from crop cultivation methods to drone technology, smart farming and climate-smart practices.

The minister said that a true agriculture revolution hinges on the "Lab to Land" vision, where the experience of farmers integrates with scientific efforts.

Acknowledging climate change, water scarcity and deteriorating soil quality as primary hurdles, Chaluvarayaswamy championed sustainable agriculture.

He advocated for the adoption of methods such as green leaf manure, bio-pesticides, mixed cropping systems and micro-irrigation to ensure economic benefits for farmers. He said the mela encouraged agriculture graduates to pursue self-employment and offer guidance to others.

Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shobha Karandlaje praised the university for its emphasis on research, noting that agricultural institutions were essential in making farming a profitable venture to attract youth.

Karandlaje said that a continued 'green revolution' was necessary for economic progress, highlighting the priority given to the sector by both the central and state governments.

Achiever farmers were felicitated on the occasion. Vice chancellor S V Suresh, principal secretary S Selvakumar and other officials were present.

The event marked the release of five recently developed crop varieties including grain maize CNGS-1, sunflower hybrid KBSH-88 and black turmeric CHNBT-1, along with 36 new technologies and an agriculture practitioners' handbook. The fair includes field visits, exhibitions and expert sessions.

Visitors take a look at a floral exhibit at Krishi Mela organised by the University of Agriculture Sciences at Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO/KRISHNAKUMAR P S

Nabi took zig zag...

Nabi, from Page 1

"He appeared calm, or dered food in small eateries," the source said.

According to the police, on Sunday, he started on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and then got off the expressway, reaching Firozpur Jhirka in Haryana's Nuh district. He was seen offering prayers. Later, he parked his car near another eatery, reclining in the driver's seat and spending the night there

Later, on Monday morning, he was again seen on CCTV cameras installed along the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, driving slowly towards Delhi.

The footage shows him stopping twice, once for tea and once apparently to check his mobile phone.

He was first seen near Okhla, then at Connaught Place, before moving through East and Central Delhi. Later, cameras captured him entering Ashok Vihar in North West Delhi, where he stopped at a small roadside restaurant around midday.

Around 1 pm, his car was seen heading back towards central Delhi. He made a brief halt at a mosque near Asaf Ali Road, close to Ramlila Maidan. After offering prayers at the mosque, he stayed in the parking area for nearly three hours in the car, apparently resting and checking his mobile phone intermittently

At 3.19 pm, Nabi's car entered the Sunehri Masjid parking lot adjacent to the Red Fort complex. For nearly three hours, the vehicle remained stationary amid rows of other parked cars. Surveillance footage shows no signs of activity -- no one approaching or leaving the car.

Around 6.22 pm, the car was seen leaving the parking area and heading towards the Red Fort metro station side. Barely 30 minutes later, at 6.52 pm, the vehicle exploded.

Police said his phone activity during this period is also being closely examined.

Investigators suspect he might have received instructions before proceeding towards the site.

'Bomb' docs raised Rs 30L...

Explosives, from Page 1

The decision was taken after a high-level meeting held by Home Minister Amit Shah to review the progress of the ongoing investigation into the November 10 blasts.

Separately, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has suspended Al Falah University's membership.

At least three doctors associated with the university have been arrested in connection with the investigation into the "white collar terror module" case while Umar Nabi was identified as the driver of an explosive-laden car. Earlier, 2,900 kg of explosives were recovered from the rented room of Dr Muzammil Ganaie.

Meanwhile, the police recovered a severed head and parts of a hand from the rooftop of a building in the locality where the blast took place. The confirmation of Dr Umar's presence in the car came after his mother's DNA was matched with the body parts collected from the vehicle. Investigators have now confirmed that Dr Umar was the lone passenger in the car at the time of the explosion and a probe is on to ascertain who all he contacted or travelled with in the run up to the incident.

The visit of Dr Umar and Dr Muzammil among others to Turkiye in 2022 is also under the scanner of agencies.

Sources said investigators are looking into other vehicles procured or used by the terror module, which could be used for reconnaissance or escape. Police have already detained a person, who is said to have parked the EcoSport car in Faridabad's Khandawali village while forensic teams have been deployed to collect samples.

Mekedatu project: SC rejects TN plea...

Mekedatu, From Page 1

They submitted that in terms of the Supreme Court's 2018 judgment, Karnataka is duty bound to deliver 177.25 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu and if this quantum is not affected, then they (Karnataka) should be able to go ahead with the reservoir project, subject to requisite permissions.

Agreeing to the submission, the bench said: "What is being done by the order passed by the CWC is only the preparation of the DPR, that too after taking into consideration the objections of the State of Tamil Nadu, the experts of the CWMA (Cauvery Water Management Authority) and the CWRC (Cauvery Water Regulation Committee)."

The bench pointed out that the CWC had further directed that prior approvals of the CWMA and the CWRC would be a prerequisite for the consideration of the DPR.

The court, however, clarified that if the DPR is approved by the CWC, then Tamil Nadu is free to take steps as permissible in law.

The bench also emphasised that the court has time and again reiterated that it should refrain from areas which are best reserved for experts.

With the order, the Supreme Court has put a closure to the applications filed by Tamil Nadu against Karnataka in respect of the proposed Mekedatu reservoir.

"The CWC and the CWMA have been identified as the authorities to take the decision as far as the technical appraisal of projects are concerned. Karnataka believes its right to construct an upstream dam has been upheld by the SC in as much as it is within its right to utilise the waters as it deems fit subject to the SC judgment and award," Karnataka's legal team said.

The CWC and the CWMA will now have to give their respective clearances on an urgent basis so that any further impediments are not coming in the way of implementation of the project, they added.

Karnataka has claimed that the project is of vital importance to regulate monthly stipulated releases to Tamil Nadu in a normal year at Biligundlu in accordance with the final order of the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal as modified by the judgment of the Supreme court on February 16, 2018.

The state also claimed that it is important to utilise 4.75 TMC (consumptive use) of water for meeting the drinking water needs of Bangalore Metropolitan Region as allocated by the apex court.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Northeast Monsoon was weak over the state. Dry weather prevailed over the state.

Forecast Nov 14: Generally cloudy sky. Mist very likely during early morning hours in some areas.

INTERIOR NORTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	29.2	16.8	00
Bidar	28.0	12.8	00
Vijayapura	29.5	14.5	00
Dharwad	29.4	16.0	00
Haveri	31.4	17.8	00
Kalaburagi	32.4	18.3	00
Raichur	30.4	17.2	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	31.0	21.2	00
Karwar	32.3	21.3	00
Shirali	31.5	25.0	00
Mangaluru	31.4	23.8	00

INTERIOR SOUTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	29.8	19.3	00
Bengaluru	28.8	20.6	00
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	00
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	00
Chitradurga	29.5	18.5	00
Davangere	31.0	16.0	00
Hassan	33.2	NA	00
Mysuru	29.8	18.8	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	00
Kolar	28.6	19.6	00

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Pune	29	14	00
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Trivandrum	32	23	00

Teen pregnancy, child abuse: 7 depts issue circular for children's safety

Check-up by gynaec must for high school students

BENGALURU, DHNS

Considering the increase in number of teen pregnancies, child abuse cases and reports about child marriages, seven major departments, for the first time, have issued a joint circular asking authorities concerned to take necessary measures.

In a recent meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh to discuss about the actions to be taken on the teen pregnancy cases registered, it was discussed that family disputes and overuse of social media were the main reasons for teen pregnancies, child marriages and child abuse cases.

Following the meeting, the Departments of School Education and Literacy, Social Welfare, Health and Family Welfare, Minority Welfare, Home, Women and Child Development, and Backward Classes department have issued the joint circular.

The circular insists authorities concerned to mandatorily display the childline and helpline numbers at rooms of the residential schools.

The residential schools have been instructed to separate the girls and boys hostels by constructing compound walls and also to tighten security measures.

For high school children, a health check-up by a gynaecologist has been made mandatory. This is following a few recent incidents where high school students staying at the residential schools were found pregnant.

"Health check-ups by gynecologists are advised at residential schools when the girl students return to the hostels after a long vacation," the circular said.

To ensure the safety of children staying at residential hostels, the government has made it mandatory to do background verification of all staff, including those on contract basis. "In case, any girl student is absent from the school for continuous three days then details of such student should be given to the gram panchayat concerned by the head of the school and also to childline 1098," the circular states.

"Counselling should be conducted for children to make them understand about the physical and mental changes they will undergo at the teenage and also educate children about the free helpline 14416," the circular stated.

CCTV surveillance is mandatory at both residential and non-residential schools for the safety of children.

WARMING UP

Doll-makers warm themselves before a fire to beat the cold at Gabbur in Hubballi on Thursday. DH PHOTO/GURU HABEEB

'NMPA's growth reflects vision for a Viksit Bharat'

MANGALURU DHNS

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated new projects worth Rs 1,500 crore to mark the golden jubilee celebrations of New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA), here on Thursday.

The projects include a 150-bed multi-specialty hospital, under vehicle scanner system, energy and food supply chain projects, the four-lane port connectivity road, truck terminal and rail cover sheds.

NMPA's growth reflects the Centre's vision for a Viksit Bharat, the minister said while lauding the port's initiative under Sagarmala programme, drive towards digitalisation, green energy transition and its significant contribution to the blue economy.

"NMPA has evolved into one of India's most technologically advanced ports—operating on 100% solar power, pioneering automation and maintaining a 92% mechanised cargo handling operation," the union minister said.

Sonowal also commemorated the 500th birth anniversary of Rani Abbakka by renaming the newly upgraded KK Gate as 'Rani Abbakka Gate'. He also inaugurated the exhibition hall showcasing NMPA's 50-year journey of growth and transformation, highlighting its key milestones, developmental projects and contributions to the maritime sector.

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal is felicitated during the golden jubilee celebrations of New Mangalore Port Authority, in Panambur on Thursday. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi is also seen. DH PHOTO/FAKRUDDIN H

HC refuses to quash Pocso case...

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The charge sheet filed by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) stated that the complainant and her minor daughter, aged 17 years at the time of the alleged offence, had gone to Yediyurappa's house on February 2, 2024, seeking help in getting justice in an earlier sexual assault against the girl.

It is alleged that Yediyurappa took the girl to a room and molested her. The other three are accused of collaborating with Yediyurappa in getting the video and photographs of the alleged incident, taken by the complainant and the survivor, deleted and facilitating the attempts to pay money to them to keep quiet.

On February 28, 2025, the special court had again taken cognizance of the offences.

Challenging this, Yediyurappa and others argued in the HC that the mother of the survivor was a habitual and disgruntled complainant and had registered 58 cases against several people and a few cases were registered against her by several people.

The HC judge noted that the trial court need not conduct a mini trial while taking cognizance of the offence.

"Perusal of the impugned order shows that the trial court has mentioned the allegations in brief and the materials produced in the police report. It has also considered the provisions of law which prescribes the manner in which the cognizance has to be taken, and process has to be issued. It has also considered the case laws in respect of the said provisions. It has to be borne in mind that the trial court need not conduct a mini trial while taking cognizance. It has considered whether there are sufficient materials produced for proceedings against the accused.

"It is required to apply its mind and form an opinion by analysing the materials produced before it. The impugned order shows that the trial court has done so. I do not see any error in the manner in which the trial court has taken cognizance of the offences alleged against the accused and the process that has been issued," Justice Arun said.

The court further said: "In the instant case, the trial court is required to decide the case based on the evidence let-in by the parties concerned without being influenced by any of the observations made by this court."

RSS Chittapur route march to be held on Nov 16

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However, Arun Shyam said that since the march is being conducted to mark 100 years of the RSS, the request is being made as a one-time measure considering people's sentiments.

He further requested the court to at least increase the number of members in the band from 25 to 50.

Considering this request, which was not opposed by the Advocate General, Justice Kamal modified the second condition by increasing the number of members in the band to 50.

"Except this, the rest of the order (of the tahsildar) remains the same," the court said.

Set up industrial parks in K'taka, Kumaraswamy urges Piyush Goyal

▸ **NEW DELHI, DHNS:** Union Steel and Heavy Industries Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Thursday requested Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to establish industrial parks across Karnataka.

Kumaraswamy, who called on Goyal here, requested him to set up industrial parks in Mandya, Mysuru, Bidar, Raichur, Hubballi–Dharwad, Hassan, Kolar, Mangaluru and Chamarajanagar.

He pointed out that the state had high potential for industrial parks in different districts as they had resource advantages, logistics strengths and diverse economic profiles.

"The minister stressed that these regions collectively offer a strong case for large-scale industrial development and balanced regional growth," a statement from Kumaraswamy's office said.

He said these industrial parks should be considered under the appropriate centrally sponsored industrial corridor or National Industrial Corridor Development Programme framework.

The commerce minister was very positive about the memorandum and assured to take proper decisions soon, the statement said.

K'taka targets 90L jobs, expats in new IT policy

IT policy, from Page 1

The policy offers 'recruitment assistance' to 50 IT/ITeS companies operating outside Bengaluru. Companies recruiting 100 or more employees will get assistance worth Rs 35 lakh to Rs 7 crore.

Companies will also get up to Rs 50,000 per employee as 'talent relocation reimbursement'. This will apply to employees from Bengaluru or another state moving to a 'Beyond Bengaluru' location. Further, companies will get up to Rs 10 lakh per cohort towards costs incurred in training faculty members at academic institutions.

Power tariff concessions, reimbursement of electricity duty and property tax, sops for new and existing IT parks are among other incentives.

In all, the state government will spend Rs 967.12 crore under the new policy.

Retain leadership

The policy wants Karnataka to "retain leadership in the IT sector through pioneering AI capabilities" and "fostering the development of other emerging technologies".

Karnataka currently has over 5,500 IT/ITeS companies, including some 750 multinational corporations, generating 12 lakh direct and 31 lakh indirect jobs.

The policy identifies Karnataka as India's largest software exporting state, accounting for 43.67% of the total. At present, the state's IT exports are valued at Rs 4.09 lakh crore.

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Women's reservation on an all-party pause

The government and the political class should take note of the concern expressed by the Supreme Court over the delay in the implementation of the Women's Reservation Act. Two years have passed since the enactment of the law, which mandates 33% reservation for women in parliament and state assemblies. But a caveat attached to it has ensured that the law will remain a dead letter in the near future, perhaps for years. It will come into effect only after the delimitation of constituencies, to be held after the census, which is to be completed in 2027. With the groundwork for both yet to start, doubts have been expressed on whether the law will be implemented ahead of the 2029 parliament elections.

The Court's concern over the delay was rightly expressed by Justice BV Nagarathna, who, with Justice Mahadevan, is hearing a case for immediate implementation of the law. She noted that women make up almost 48% of the population, making them the country's largest minority. They collectively face discrimination that affects other social minorities. She asked why political parties could not allot to women one-third of their election tickets. If the parties were serious about their professed commitment to women's representation, they could demonstrate it even without the law. Women are grossly under-represented in all forums. Only 11 of the 287 Supreme Court judges till date have been women, and there is only one in 34 now. Their representation in the current Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha is only 14% and 17%, respectively – the global average is 27%. Some parties, such as the Trinamool Congress and the Biju Janata Dal, have done better than others in parliament. Women's representation in state assemblies also remains poor.

A lack of political will has stalled the implementation, compounded by uncertain delimitation timelines

It was pointed out in the petition that the 73rd and 74th Constitutional amendments, which gave women one-third representation in local body elections, the 77th amendment, which extended reservations for promotions in jobs for the SCs and STs, and the 103rd amendment for 10% EWS (Economically Weaker Sections) reservation in education and employment, were implemented without calling for census data. It was submitted that a Constitutional amendment cannot be put on hold for an uncertain period. The Court's attention was also drawn to the fact that the amendment was passed in a special session of parliament, indicating an urgency of purpose. Even as the apex court's observations highlight the need for expeditious implementation of the law, the petition exposes the hypocrisy of all parties when it comes to follow-through action on this progressive and critical law.

Bracing for the inequality emergency

The world is facing unprecedented levels of inequality, according to a study conducted by a G20 panel of independent experts headed by Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz and comprising Indian economist Jayati Ghosh, UNAIDS chief Winnie Byanyima, and others. The richest 1% captured two-fifths of all new wealth created in the world between 2000 and 2024, while the bottom half had 1%. India has fared worse, with the richest 1% increasing their wealth by 62% between 2000 and 2023. While the country's economy has grown faster than the world's, its economic inequality has outpaced the growth of global inequality. The result is the rich holding a substantially larger share of the fruits of growth and development – not a promising sign for the Viksit Bharat envisioned in 2047.

If inequality increases at the current pace, it can undermine growth and development because no society can sustain itself with such a striking economic imbalance. Inequality creates economic and social conflict and political divisions, reduces the role of the poor in society, and their participation in political and social processes. The marginalisation of the majority poses a threat to democracy. It is natural for the rich minority to try to maintain dominance through undemocratic means. Countries with high inequality levels are much more likely to experience a decline in democracy than the less-impacted ones. The weakening of democratic forces and the rise of authoritarianism in the world in recent years can even be seen as a consequence of the growing rich-poor gap. One of the postulates in economics is that resources are scarce. Their distribution should be fair and reasonably equitable to keep the society stable and just.

Economic imbalances risk weakening democracies across the world; the disparities are stark in India

The report says that extreme inequality is "a choice, not a necessity" and that it can be minimised through political action and global cooperation. It suggests the creation of a new body, an international panel on inequality, on the lines of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), to deal with the problem. The panel could equip governments with reliable data by tracking inequality and poverty trends across the world, enabling them to frame policies and initiate action towards mitigation. "The world understands that we have a climate emergency; it's time we recognise that we face an inequality emergency too," the report said. As a country where inequality is very high and which has the largest number of poor people in the world, India can ignore the signs only at its peril.

MOVING TARGETS

Time to rebalance India's inflation strategy

An interest rate-based policy cannot fix headline inflation. The new framework must balance price and livelihood stability

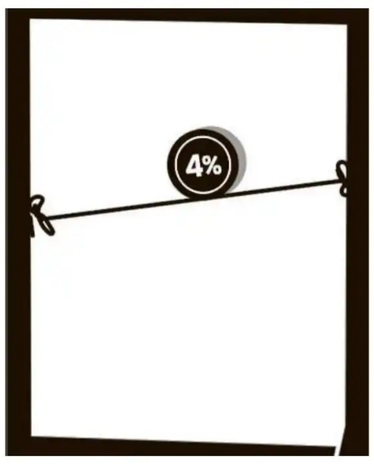
GOURISHANKAR S HIREMATH

By March 2026, India must decide whether to retain or modify the inflation targeting (IT) regime, which has been guided by a 4% Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation target with a ±2% band since the 2016 amendment to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act. The review will revisit familiar questions: Should the target remain at 4%? Should policy focus on headline or core inflation? Should the tolerance band be revised? While these questions are important, they overlook the core challenge. In an economy where supply shocks, bottlenecks, sectoral imbalances, and mark-up pricing alongside stagnant wages drive much of the volatility, the policy rate alone cannot shoulder the burden of price stabilisation. The review risks remaining inside the very frame that produces the trade-offs; it is the design of the framework, not just the settings, that deserves scrutiny.

While the IT framework has helped avoid persistent inflation, the 4% midpoint has not operated as a strong anchor, as inflation remained above 4% in most years, even if within the 6% tolerance band. The 6% tolerance band was breached in 2020-21 and 2022-23. This mixed evidence suggests credibility at the band level, but not at the midpoint. However, part of the difficulty lies not in policy calibration but in deeper structural changes in the economy. In the post-reforms era, services have grown faster and now account for a disproportionate share of income relative to output. This has created a structural imbalance, where incomes have grown faster in services while output growth in commodity-producing sectors has lagged, contributing to price pressures that are not responsive to IT. Hence, the IT review must go beyond the neoliberal policy frame and consider how monetary policy adapts to a changing global economic order and multipolar world.

Food, fuel, and other essential commodity prices, which drive headline inflation, respond to supply-side factors such as weather, global commodity cycles, geopolitical disruptions, import pass-through, supply chain inefficiencies, hoarding, and anti-competitive practices. Interest rate-based monetary policy cannot meaningfully contain such inflation.

Advocates of anchoring headline inflation raise concern that food inflation may feed into a wage-price spiral. However, the evidence shows wages have grown more slowly than GDP between 2014 and 2025, reflecting a pattern of long-term wage stagnation. Using interest rates to contain headline inflation, therefore, suppresses consumption without addressing the underlying causes of price increases. National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) data indicate that household consumption has grown significantly more slowly than GDP between 2011 and 2023, indicating a disproportional burden on the disadvantaged. Additionally, climate-related shocks have increased volatility in



these components, and the current IT framework cannot manage them.

The difficulty is not inflation per se, but an IT framework that reduces stabilisation to a single lever, the repo rate, regardless of the source of inflation. In such a design, high rates often choke investments the economy needs in manufacturing and agriculture, while EMIs rise for the middle and upper-middle classes. Livelihood costs rise while the sources of inflation that are not rate-sensitive remain largely untouched. Over the past decade, growth has been uneven, with aggregate saving and investment hovering at around 30% of GDP, while manufacturing and agricultural output have grown modestly.

Additionally, the effectiveness of monetary policy is weakened due to segmented credit markets and frictions. The large, promoter-controlled, group-affiliated, and listed corporate groups are relatively insulated from policy tightening due to their market power and diversified financing options. In contrast, pass-through to medium, small, and micro enterprises (MSMEs) and households is partial and slow. Thus, tightening hurts more than easing helps.

Profit-linked inflation

Profit-linked inflation remains overlooked in mainstream debates in India. Evidence from advanced and emerging markets shows profits have accounted for a share of price increase, especially in concentrated markets where firms possess the power to set prices and can use supply shocks or cost volatility to expand mark-ups rather than merely pass on costs. In India, Motilal Oswal reports that the corporate profit-to-GDP ratio (4.7%) is now at a 17-year high.

Labour costs did not drive this episode. FICCI-Quess Corp finds compounded annual wage growth of 0.8% in engineering/manufacturing/infrastructure, rising to 5.4% in FMCG. During the pandemic recovery, large firms deleveraged, improving their balance sheets. Household purchasing power lagged, and household debt stood at about 42% of GDP in 2024. These patterns weaken "inflation expectations" and the wage-price-spiral narrative. This is another reason to reserve the policy rate for core inflation while using non-rate tools for headline shocks.

Several central banks have recently acknowledged the limitations of the inflation-targeting framework. The inflation-growth nexus is non-linear, and the RBI's concern to control inflation is understandable. A more balanced framework requires protecting both price and livelihood stability, rather than trading one off against the other. Before the neoliberal era, the RBI routinely used quantitative and selective credit controls to stabilise essential sectors. RBI can retain the 4±2 framework for credibility but supplement it with selective credit controls to stabilise essential sectors.

Price control measures and fiscal policy interventions are crucial for managing the prices of essential commodities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, stock-limit orders, buffer releases, and subsidised retail helped contain price spikes. Formalising these tools and reinforcing them with MSME support and competition policy would improve pass-through to consumers. Stronger regulatory oversight and sector-specific measures can discourage opportunistic markup expansion and promote fair pricing. Given India's diverse economy, inflation necessitates coordinated action among monetary and fiscal authorities, as well as local administrative levels. Recognising structural realities would allow monetary policy to focus more effectively on core inflation, while coordinated supply and direct price control measures manage non-core volatility. Monetary policy must support the economy's long-term transition towards higher productivity and improved living standards.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Second to none, almost

A Hindi essay contest brought me unexpected glory

CHANDER GUPTA

Toeing the government line, the month of September was observed as Hindi *Maah* (Hindi month) and September 14 as Hindi *Diwas* (Hindi Day) in the public sector bank (PSB) from which I have since retired. The purpose of commemorating the Hindi month and day was to promote and encourage the use of Hindi in official work, particularly in Hindi-speaking regions. Various competitions were held to test employees' proficiency in the language.

This episode dates to a Hindi *Maah* approximately 20 years ago. Our zonal office had announced an essay competition in Hindi for employees working under its jurisdiction, which happened to be an entirely Hindi-speaking region.

I was the head of one of the branches in the zone. Always keen on writing, I composed an essay in Hindi on the given topic, adhering to the prescribed word limit, and submitted my entry to the Rajbhasha Vibhag (official language department), which was the nodal office for Hindi at the zonal office. Given that our zone had around 200 branches, I did not fancy my chances of making it to the podium.

A few weeks later, I received a call from the Rajbhasha Vibhag informing me that my essay had been adjudged second—a pleasant surprise, belying my expectations. I was told that the winners would be felicitated at the forthcoming performance review meeting. I was delighted that my essay had won second place at the zonal level.

On the big day, I reached the zonal office fifteen minutes before the meeting was scheduled to begin. Since I had some time, I first dropped by the Rajbhasha Vibhag to thank the officials for honouring my entry with a second prize. After greeting me warmly, they made an interesting revelation. Stunned, I hurried for the conference room, where the prizes for the Hindi Maah competitions were to be distributed.

At the venue, I took a seat among the participants as the performance review deliberations began. When the meeting finally drew to a close, everyone looked weary and eager to leave. But the Rajbhasha officials, who were waiting in the wings patiently with trophies, requested our general manager to give away the prizes to the winners.

When my name was announced, I walked up to the general manager to receive my award amid the customary applause. On an impulse I requested permission to say a few words. With the GM's nod, I shared with the audience what the Rajbhasha officials had told me earlier that morning.

To everyone's amusement—and amid roaring laughter—I revealed that there had been only two entries in the competition in which I had won the second prize!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Strengthen security agencies, hold them accountable

Apropos 'Delhi blast breaks illusion of normal' (Nov 12), it is appalling that the blast near the Red Fort took at least 12 lives and injured 20. While the government has declared it an act of terror, it is concerning that our security agencies are unable to prevent such acts. The government must go beyond bold statements and bravado and handle the issue with the tact it demands. The editorial rightly observes that reality is at odds with the Centre's frequent claim that it has 'freed India from the clutches of terrorism'. Terrorist groups appear well-entrenched and able to choose the timing and place of their attack. This is indeed sad, given India's enormous technological advancements and highly efficient armed forces. The Centre must take firm and strict measures to thwart deep-rooted terrorist hubs across the country. The NIA and other security agencies need to be strengthened and held accountable in cases of such terrible occurrences.

M A Madhusudan, Bengaluru

Punish the guilty

The Delhi blast is shocking, and what is more concerning is that the terrorists, including a woman, are doctors, a profession Indians consider nobel. One hopes that exemplary action will be taken against the perpetrators of this heinous terrorist act, so that even the supporters of these elements consider leaving the country.

K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Trump's dilemma

Apropos 'US needs talents from outside...' (Nov 13), it is evident that US President Donald Trump is caught between his rhetorical outbursts and reality. The reality is that the United States cannot progress without outside experts in any stream or industry. Asians, especially Indians, are among the high-performing students in US universities. The cream of well-performing workers in any department are Asians. Trump will only harm his own country if he were to bar the entry of immigrants into the United States. If he realises this earlier, it would be better for his country.

Gunashekhara Bhat B, Sullia

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SPEAK OUT

The reality of the situation is that P Chidambaram and his colleagues cannot digest the fact that under PM Modi's government, India today has a strong national security... Every culprit will be hunted down...

Jaiveer Shergill, BJP Leader
(Reacting to Congress leader P Chidambaram's statement on home-grown terrorists)

Let bravery be thy choice, but not bravado.
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TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

More elephants or less space?

New, DNA-based report reveals a drop in numbers, pointing to shrinking habitats and fragmented redistribution

VINOD KRISHNAN

India is home to over half of the world's remaining wild Asian elephants, and our landscape plays a crucial role in their future. Within India, the Western Ghats remain the elephants' largest stronghold, hosting about 11,934 elephants (Karnataka 6,013, Tamil Nadu 3,136, Kerala 2,785) – over half (~53%) of the national population, according to a new report. Yet the reality behind these figures tells a complex story of shifting baselines, habitat fragmentation, perceived population "explosions," and difficult decisions about human-elephant conflict management.

A new report, 'Status of Elephants in India: DNA-based Synchronous All India Population Estimation (SAIEE), 2021-25', used non-invasive genetic sampling and genetic mark-recapture techniques suited to estimating populations where counting every individual is impractical. The study places India's wild elephant population at ~22,446 (range: 18,255-26,645).

This is notably lower than the ~27,312 estimated in 2017 through block counts, sighting-based surveys, dung counts, and extrapolation. However, researchers stress that the two figures are not directly comparable due to a methodological shift; the 2025 figure represents a new DNA-based baseline.

As a conservation practitioner working along the Western Ghats for a decade, I have often seen how elephant numbers shape perceptions of conflict. When a coffee estate owner learns elephants are nearby, the first question is "how many?" A lone tusker is viewed as unpredictable and dangerous, while herds are seen as direct threats to crops and property. Forest staff also focus on counting elephants, since both communities and officers consider this information vital for managing conflict.

During sightings, I have observed that the presence of calves often reinforces the perception that populations are increasing. If farmers witness herds raiding crops, the common explanations are "no food in the forest" or "too many elephants." These perceptions may not align with science but reflect lived experiences that deserve recognition in the broader context of human-elephant interactions.

For farmers or officers in high-conflict areas, the logic seems clear: more elephants are seen in fields, more compensation claims are filed, and human injuries or deaths persist; so the population must be growing.

Such perceptions often drive drastic mitigation actions – physical barriers, captures, translocations, and possibly, in the future, population control in conflict-prone regions.

India has advanced considerably in developing evidence-based elephant estimation methods, thanks to the efforts of ecologists, biologists, and forest departments. The SAIEE approach required massive sampling across vast areas and extensive data analysis. Yet, such large-scale exercises inevitably face challenges in applying prescribed methods and ensuring data quality.

Shifts in estimation methodology every five years, and the declaration of SAIEE 2025 as a new baseline, create an impression of one step forward, two steps back. The big question now is what to make of the numbers reported in the 2012 report, in which several experts believed that there were errors in computation. And the 2017 report (it also adopted a standardised method, fixing some of the concerns of the 2012 exercise), which indicated that the elephant population in the country was largely stable in comparison with the 2012 estimate.

A larger social challenge

While people's perceptions say otherwise, the SAIEE 2025's "new baseline" demonstrates a decline, inviting the interpretation that we are seeing a potential redistribution of elephants into smaller, fragmented patches and increased interactions due to shrinking habitats.

This brings us to a very critical aspect of elephant conservation centred on the role that habitats play in the survival of this species. According to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), about 95,700 hectares of forest were diverted for non-forest purposes between 2019 and 2024 – for highways, mining, dams, and other infrastructure. Such loss critically impacts elephants, which need vast, contiguous habitats.

MoEFCC data also reveal that 528 elephants died between 2019 and 2024 from electrocution, train collisions, and other unnatural causes, while elephants caused 2,829 human deaths in the same period.

Given these trends, the SAIEE 2021-25 rightly stresses the urgent need to improve habitat quality, connectivity, and corridor management, along with more effective, community-based approaches to human-elephant coexistence.

Population ecology offers the scientific bedrock for understanding elephant populations. Yet for practitioners in the field, officers at the frontlines, and communities sharing spaces with elephants, the real challenge extends beyond numbers. That challenge is more spatial and social – how we manage land, livelihoods, and coexistence in a context where the problem is not too many elephants, but too little space, reducing levels of tolerance, and static policies.

(The writer is a conservation practitioner and researcher. He works with Humane World for Animals on human-elephant conflict management in Kodagu)

Harnessing India's innovation to tackle neurodegenerative diseases

TASLIMARIF SAIYED

India is home to a rich web of talent. With a population projected to exceed 1.5 billion by 2028, the country has developed a thriving technology ecosystem and a growing network of medical researchers.

The number of Indian generative AI start-ups increased 3.6 times between 2023 and the first half of 2024, while the number of biotech start-ups has grown from 50 to more than 5,300 in the past decade. India is well placed to contribute to global initiatives that use AI to transform healthcare.

One area where artificial intelligence's potential to support change is becoming increasingly evident is drug discovery. Scientists at Harvard Medical School, for instance, have used machine learning to accelerate the development of treatments for various cancers.

Neurodegenerative disease research is another area that could benefit significantly from AI-based drug discovery. The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) has long been engaged in this field. Established in 2009 with support from the Government of India's Department of Biotechnology, C-CAMP enables life sciences research and innovation by collaborating with talent from across the country.

Given the vast knowledge gaps that persist around neurodegenerative diseases, we are building a dedicated programme to support innovation in this space. One particularly destructive neurodegenerative disease is motor neurone disease (MND)—a group of progressive neurological disorders that destroy motor neurones. Nearly 90% of MND cases are of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

In ALS, signals from the brain stop reaching the muscles, leading to severe muscle degeneration and, ultimately, the loss of the ability to breathe. While a few limited treatments can briefly slow its progression, there are no long-term therapies or cures available for most patients.

We are especially interested in early detection and screening for such diseases, particularly in resource-limited settings. Access is central to C-CAMP's work – because despite India's thriving technology and healthcare sectors, stark disparities persist.

According to the National Statistical Office, 63.1% of India's population lives in rural areas with limited access to medical services. For many in these communities, even reaching a district hospital — which may itself lack adequate facilities — can mean a 200 km journey.

Such journeys are costly, time-consuming, and often lead to loss of income for families that depend on manual labour. This in turn discourages people from seeking timely care -- and symptoms are often ignored until treatment is no longer possible. In conditions like ALS, where early symptoms can resemble simple lack of balance or tremors, delays in diagnosis can be particularly harmful.

While India has a relatively young population – with a median age of 28.8 years – this is expected to change as the country transitions towards a high-income country economy. Ageing populations are a hallmark of such transitions, driven by declining birth rates and longer life expectancies. Since ALS prevalence is high among people aged 70-79, addressing this challenge will become increasingly urgent as India's population ages. The steps the country takes now could shape its ability to respond in the future.

This is where the Longitude Prize on ALS comes in: a Rs 900 million (£7.5 million) international challenge prize designed to accelerate AI-led discovery of new drug targets and treatments for ALS. Run by UK-based Challenge Works, part of British innovation agency Nesta, the prize is accepting entries until December 3. It is principally funded by the Motor Neurone Disease Association, alongside several international funders. The author will represent India on the expert panel that will assess the entries.

C-CAMP previously partnered with Challenge Works' Longitude Prize on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) —a Rs 950 million prize that incentivised innovators to develop rapid diagnostic tests to slow the spread of antibiotic-resistant infections.

While the prize was won by a Swedish team, several Indian teams were strong contenders, including Module Innovations, a start-up supported by C-CAMP. Their innovation—a credit-card-sized diagnostic test for urinary tract infections – is now close to regulatory approval and being adapted to identify appropriate antibiotics for treatment.

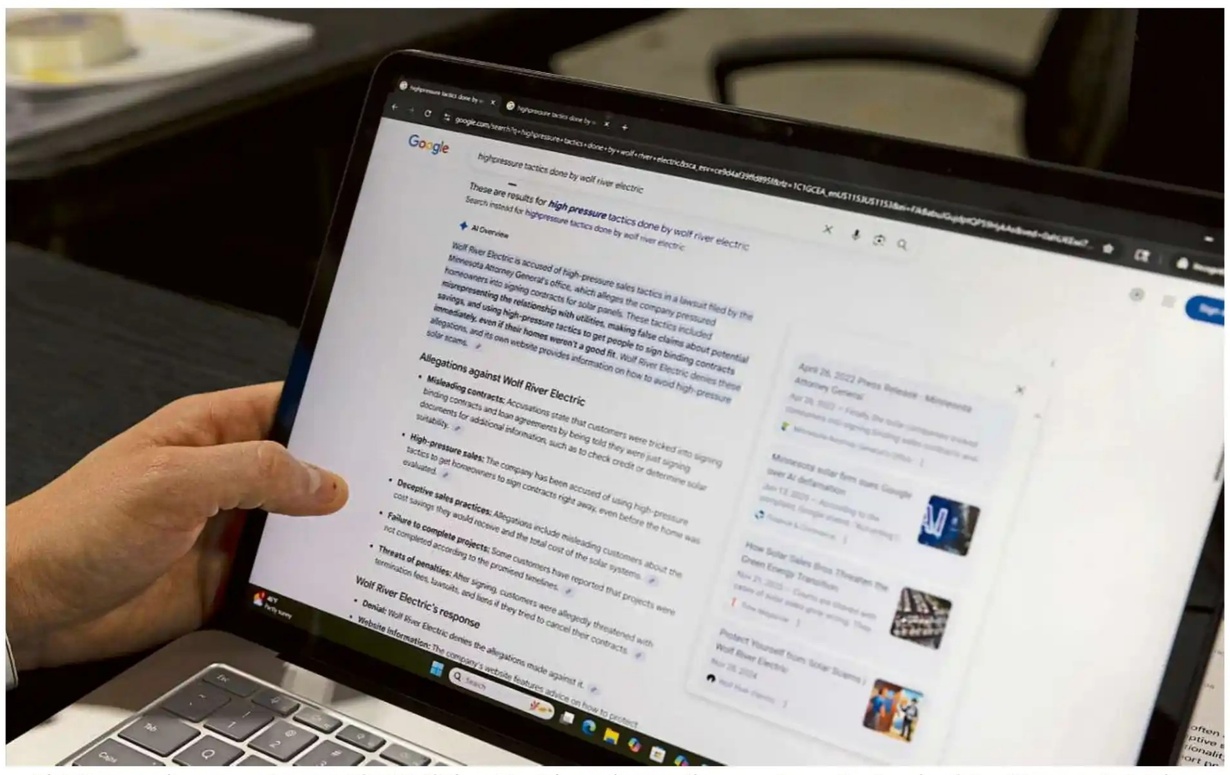
Such examples illustrate how well-designed challenges can catalyse meaningful innovation. The Longitude Prize on ALS holds similar promise — not just for one team to win, but for the entire ecosystem to grow stronger through collaboration and shared purpose.

As India prepares for the demographic shifts ahead, research into diseases of ageing such as ALS must become a national priority. With India's scientific capability and expanding innovation landscape, India has the potential to make a real contribution to understanding — and one day overcoming — this devastating condition.

(The writer is Director and CEO of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) and a member of the judging panel for the Longitude Prize on ALS)

New court cases seek to define content created by artificial intelligence as defamatory — a novel concept that has captivated some legal experts

KEN BENSINGER



Nick Kasprowicz, general counsel for Wolf River Electric, reviews online search results showing false AI-generated claims about the solar contractor, in Isanti, Minnesota. NYT

Who pays when AI is wrong?

Sales representatives for Wolf River Electric, a solar contractor in Minnesota, noticed an unusual uptick in cancelled contracts late last year. When they pressed the former customers for an explanation, the answers left them floored.

The clients said they had bailed after learning from Google searches that the company settled a lawsuit with the state attorney general over deceptive sales practices. But the company had never been sued by the government, let alone settled a case involving such claims.

Confusion became concern when Wolf River executives checked for themselves. Search results that Gemini, Google's artificial intelligence technology, delivered at the top of the page included the falsehoods. And mentions of a legal settlement populated automatically when they typed "Wolf River Electric" in the search box.

With cancellations piling up and their attempts to use Google's tools to correct the issues proving fruitless, Wolf River executives decided they had no choice but to sue the tech giant for defamation.

"We put a lot of time and energy into building up a good name," said Justin Nielsen, who founded Wolf River with three of his best friends in 2014 and helped it grow into the state's largest solar contractor. "When customers see a red flag like that, it's damn near impossible to win them back."

Theirs is one of at least six defamation cases filed in the United States in the past two years over content produced by AI tools that generate text and images. They argue that the cutting-edge technology not only created and published false, damaging information about individuals or groups but, in many cases, continued putting it out even after the companies that built and profit from the AI models were made aware of the problem.

Unlike other libel or slander suits, these cases seek to define content that was not created by humans as defamatory — a novel concept that has captivated some legal experts.

"There's no question that these models can publish damaging assertions," said Eugene Volokh, a leading First Amendment scholar at UCLA. In 2023, he dedicated an entire issue of his publication, Journal of Free Speech Law, to the question of AI defamation.

"The question," Volokh said, "is who is responsible for that?"

One of the first AI defamation cases was filed in Georgia in 2023. The plaintiff, Mark Walters, a talk radio host and Second Amendment advocate, argued that the ChatGPT chatbot had hurt his reputation when it responded to a query from a journalist about gun rights by falsely stating that Walters had been accused of embezzlement.

A fundamental task in many defamation cases in the United States is proving intent. But since it's impossible to know what's going on inside the algorithms that drive AI models such as ChatGPT, the suit — and others like it — tried to pin blame on the company that wrote the code, in this case OpenAI.

"Frankenstein can't make a monster that runs around murdering people and then claim he had nothing to do with it," said John Monroe, Walters' lawyer.

Walters' case was dismissed in May, long before getting to trial. Among other reasons, the court noted that the journalist had conceded that he did not trust the claim made by ChatGPT and quickly verified it wasn't true. That question — whether third parties are likely to be convinced that the allegedly defamatory content is true — is crucial in such cases.

"If the individual who reads a challenged statement does not subjectively believe it to be factual, then the statement is not defamatory," Judge Tracie Cason wrote in her ruling. OpenAI did not respond to a request for comment.

To date, no AI defamation case in the United States appears to have made it to a jury, but at least one, filed in April against Meta by Robby Starbuck, a right-wing influencer known for his campaigns against diversity, equity and inclusion programs, has been settled.

Starbuck claimed that while scrolling on the social platform X, he had found an image containing false information about him that had been generated by Llama, one of Meta's AI chatbots. The text in the image stated that Starbuck was in the US Capitol during the riots on January 6, 2021, and that he had ties to the QAnon conspiracy theory. Starbuck said he was at home in Tennessee on that date and had nothing to do with QAnon.

Meta settled in August without ever formally responding to the complaint. As part of the settlement, the company brought Starbuck on as an adviser focusing on policing Meta's AI.

"Since engaging on these important issues with Robby, Meta has made tremendous strides to improve the accuracy of Meta AI and mitigate ideological and political bias," Meta said in a statement at the time. The company declined to disclose additional terms of the settlement or whether Starbuck was paid for his advisory work.

Last month, Starbuck also sued Google over its AI. In the defamation suit, which seeks $15 million in damages, he claimed that Google's large language models — the technology that helps power the chatbots — had made patently false statements about him. This time, however, he argued that the errors were the deliberate "result of political animus baked into its algorithm."

Google has not yet formally responded to the complaint, but Jose Castañeda, a company spokesperson, said the majority of Starbuck's claims dated to 2023 and were addressed at the time. He added, "As everyone knows, if you're creative enough, you can prompt a chatbot to say something misleading."

Nina Brown, a professor of communications at Syracuse University who specialises in media law, said she expected that few if any of these cases would ever make it to trial. A verdict finding that a company is liable for the output of its AI model, she said, could lead to a huge flood of litigation from others who discover falsehoods about themselves.

"I suspect that if there is an AI defamation lawsuit where the defendant is vulnerable, it's going to go away — the companies will settle that," Brown said. "They don't want the risk."

She, Volokh and several other legal experts said the Wolf River case appeared particularly strong, in part because the company has been able to document specific losses due to the falsehood.

In its complaint, it cited $388,000 in terminated contracts. CEO Vladimir Marchenko said in an interview that the company had lost out on new customers, too.

"We've found out that some competitors bring up the fake attorney general claims in consultations with potential clients to convince them not to use us," he said. He noted that he had also discovered posts on Reddit citing the false Google results. One called Wolf River a "possible devil corp."

The company, in correspondence with Google, said it lost nearly $25 million in sales in 2024 and was seeking total damages of at least $110 million. The suit is on hold while a federal judge weighs whether to keep the matter or send it back to state court, where it was filed in March.

Potentially working in Wolf River's favour is that it is not likely to be categorised as a public figure. That is an important distinction because in the United States, private figures have a lower bar to prove that defamation occurred: They have to show only that Google acted negligently, rather than with what is known as "reckless disregard" for the truth.

Castañeda acknowledged in a statement that "with any new technology, mistakes can happen," and noted that "as soon as we found out about the problem, we acted quickly to fix it."

Yet as recently as Monday, a Google search of "wolf river electric complaint" produced a result saying that "the company is also facing a lawsuit from the Minnesota attorney general related to its sales practices" and suggesting that customers "file a complaint with the Minnesota attorney general's office, as they are already involved with the company."

Marchenko, who immigrated to Minnesota from Ukraine as a child and played junior hockey with Nielsen, said he worried that the company could go out of business if the AI results didn't change.

"There's no Plan B for us," he said. "We started this from the ground up. We have our reputation, and that's it."

The New York Times

Building India's EV backbone at home

YOGESH PANDIT

India's electric mobility transition has gathered pace in recent years, driven by a mix of policy incentives, private investment, and growing consumer confidence. Yet, as encouraging as the growth has been, one structural gap remains stark: nearly two-thirds of an electric vehicle's components—from batteries and motors to power electronics—are still imported.

This dependence on imports weakens supply chain resilience and limits how much value India captures from its own domestic demand. Closing that gap could unlock an opportunity worth about Rs 1 lakh crore for Indian manufacturers and MSMEs. To do so, India must rethink how technology development, regulation, and industry collaboration intersect.

India's EV future must be developed, not assembled. India has already shown that it can scale fast; now it must prove that it can design deep. Manufacturing growth cannot depend indefinitely on imported technology. The next phase of EV expansion will be driven not by capacity, but by the ability to design, test, and build advanced systems indigenously.

Creating local innovation pipelines -- where research institutions, industrial R&D, and policy frameworks converge -- is key to achieving this. India's ecosystem is rich in scientific expertise, but its translation into scalable products remains sporadic. What is missing is not knowledge but the connective tissue that allows technology to travel from lab to factory floor.

Regulatory readiness is no longer the bottleneck. India's regulatory ecosystem is, in many ways, ready for this leap. As Manoj Desai, deputy director at the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), notes, India's EV standards are already globally harmonised and technology-agnostic. That alignment ensures Indian EV components can meet international safety and performance benchmarks.

Equally important are the sandbox environments and satellite centres that ARAI and other agencies have introduced, allowing startups and MSMEs to conduct early validation at lower cost. These developments have quietly reduced one of the biggest barriers to localisation: the time and expense of compliance. Faster validation leads to faster commercialisation, a simple but crucial advantage.

For too long, India's auto sector has focused on adaptation rather than invention, refining global designs for local conditions rather than leading with its own. As Prof. Anindya Deb of IISc has observed, true competitiveness will come only when Indian manufacturers invest more deeply in research & development, materials science, and design innovation.

That shift in mindset is critical. India's unique climatic, logistical, and cost realities demand technologies born from its own context. Once domestic R&D begins to reflect those conditions, designing its own traction motors, indigenous battery chemistry design, and its own power electronics, Indian products will stop chasing the global curve and start shaping it.

If there is one area that will define India's EV competitiveness in the next decade, it is power electronics—the circuitry that controls, converts, and manages power across every EV subsystem. As Akshaye Barbuddhe, Director of Impactware Technologies, has noted, India still depends on imports for high-value components like switchgear and DC charging systems.

Localising this layer could have outsized benefits. The efficiency, reliability, and cost of an EV are determined by how well its power electronics are designed and integrated. Building domestic capability here will not only strengthen supply chains but also create space for MSMEs and regional suppliers to enter high-value segments of the market.

Add to this the rise of smart charging networks and digital energy management, and India's MSMEs stand at the crossroads of innovation and opportunity, one where domestic capability can meet global demand.

To build an indigenous EV backbone, India must bridge three interlocking gaps:

- Mindset. Move from being risk-averse to roads less travelled.
- Capital. Build patient, long-term funding pipelines for product development and research.
- Skills. Train engineers not just to assemble, but to design, test, and innovate.

These are not short-term fixes. They require a deliberate national effort to encourage market-driven and design-led innovation. Between now and 2047, as India aims for a Viksit Bharat, electric mobility can serve as a proving ground for how academia, industry, and policy can truly collaborate. India's EV future will not be decided by how many vehicles it produces, but by what kind of technologies are created. The countries that design, test, and own the core technologies of the EV era will shape the global mobility landscape.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 1975

India and Russia to cooperate in 7 new fields

New Delhi, November 13
India has proposed to the Soviet Union production cooperation in seven new fields including production of colour television sets, textiles and heavy machinery equipment and components and discussions are now in progress. This was announced by Industries Minister T. A. Pai at a meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament attached to his Ministry today. Mr. Pai said further development of trade relations with the Soviet Union would require changes in the composition of India's exports.

25 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 2000

Marandi sworn in as CM

Ranchi, Nov 13
The 28th state of the country, Jharkhand, took birth after mid-night today with the swearing in of its Governor Mr Prabhat Kumar followed by that of BJP leader Mr Babulal Marandi as the Chief Minister. The swearing-in took place at a simple ceremony in the Raj Bhavan of Ranchi under unprecedented security arrangements. A number of dignitaries including Union Ministers L K Advani, Mr George Fernandes, and Mr Arun Jaitley were present. Jharkhand has been carved out after separating 18 districts of south Bihar.

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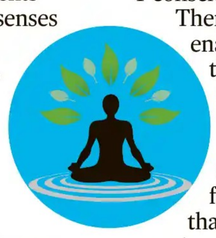
The enlivening force

In the commencing portion of its seventh chapter, the *Bhagavad Gita* speaks about a series of fundamental truths about this universe, humankind and its innate nature. After saying that a majority of people have no inclination towards acquiring spiritual knowledge and that only a few among them try to make efforts in this direction and fewer still among these actually do reach the goal of spiritual enlightenment, the *Gita* proceeds next to highlight the very existence and functioning of this universe. It says that the five primordial elements, namely the earth, water, fire, air and space along with the mind, the intellect and the 'I' sense or ego are all manifestations of the divine power. A closer examination of this statement reveals the truth enshrined therein.



The five primordial elements are represented by the five senses in the human body, namely the senses of hearing, sight, touch, smell and taste, whose functioning is regulated by the five organs, i.e., the ear, the eyes, the skin, the nose and the tongue respectively. It is these five senses that enable man to respond to the external stimuli.

The mind takes in the external stimuli and the intellect deciphers them, enabling man to act accordingly. The awareness - it is 'I' who am acting in this way is the 'I' consciousness or ego. But wherefrom springs this 'I' consciousness?

There must be something that enables the senses to react to the external world, something that empowers the mind to grasp these, something that helps the intellect to understand these and something from which the consciousness that 'I' am experiencing all this springs forth. The *Gita* says that this 'something' is the Life Force or Enlivening Force, without which this universe cannot exist.

By themselves, the body, the elements, the mind, the intellect are all insentient. Only when the life force courses through them, do they function and impart life to the universe. It is like the fuel that powers an engine or electricity that powers a device.

By themselves, the engine or device are just static, lifeless. When fed with fuel or electricity, they function and serve their purpose. Conversely, the fuel or the electricity by themselves cannot do anything.
Only when they work in unison with a connected engine or device can they impart power. Like this, the *Gita* says, the universe in all its myriad forms needs the divine power to exist and function.

MULTIPLE ROWS: Varsity questioned over lapsed accreditation; AIU membership suspended

Scrutiny mounts as Al-Falah faces NAAC notice

NEW DELHI, DHNS

A day after the tainted past of the chancellor of Al-Falah University came under the scanner of agencies, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) issued a notice to the university for continuing to display its accreditation grade despite its expiry.

The notice stated that the university "is continuing to hold out that it has an A grade accreditation which has expired" and posed several questions to the institution. The university's website was later taken down.

The university is now under scrutiny in connection with the 'doctor terror module' investigation following the Delhi blast on Monday that left 13 dead and 20 injured. The institution, located in Dhauj village in Faridabad, Haryana, is being probed after members of a suspected "white-collar terror ecosystem" linked to the incident were found to be students there.

Among those associated with the module are four doctors from Al-Falah Medical College — Dr Umar Nabi, Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganaei, Dr Shaheen Shahid and Dr Nisar-ul-Hassan.

NAAC officials stated that the university itself has never been accredited, although some of its earlier constituent colleges received A-grades. "... the university itself was never accredited... its engineering college received an A grade in 2013 and its teacher-education school in 2011. Both of them have since lapsed, as accreditation is valid for five years," the notice said.

People near the Red Fort amid heightened security in the wake of the blast, in New Delhi, on Thursday. PTI

Two of the suspects involved in the blast, who were part of the university, had either been terminated or dismissed from their earlier jobs. Dr Nisar-ul-Hassan had previously been dismissed in 2023 by the Jammu & Kashmir administration under Article 311(2)(c) for "activities ... in the interest of the security of the State". He was reportedly employed at Al Falah after his dismissal.

Nabi was earlier employed at the Government Medical College in Anantnag and was terminated in 2023 after a patient died due to his negligence.

Chancellor's past

Earlier on Wednesday, it emerged that varsity chancellor Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui had been jailed for fraud in 2000, when he was employed at Jamia Millia Islamia University.

While the university is managed by the Al-Falah Charitable Trust, established in 1995, its chancellor and founder Siddiqui was a lecturer at Jamia Millia Islamia. In 2000, an FIR was lodged against him and his brother for alleged fraud, forgery and diversion of investor funds.

The Economic Offences Wing investigated the case, and he spent more than three years in Tihar Jail.

Membership suspended

Meanwhile, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on Thursday suspended membership of Al-Falah University, officials said.

The AIU is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, with membership of Indian Universities. It provides a forum for administrators and academicians of member universities to exchange views and discuss matters of common concern.

"It is intimated that, as per AIU bye-laws, all universities shall be treated as members as long as they remain in good standing," said AIU Secretary General, Pankaj Mittal.

"However, it has come to notice that Al Falah University, Faridabad, Haryana, does not appear to be in good standing. Accordingly, the membership of AIU was accorded to Al-Falah University, Faridabad, Haryana, stands suspended with immediate effect," she added.

The official said the university is not authorised to use the name or logo of AIU in any of its activities, and that it must be removed from its website.

(With PTI inputs)

Every resident of J&K not a terrorist, says Omar Abdullah

JAMMU, PTI: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said those behind the Delhi blast should be given the strictest punishment, but emphasised that the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir cannot be branded as sympathisers of terrorism.

Omar Abdullah

Talking to reporters, Abdullah said the actions of a "handful of people" should not define the vast majority of peace-loving residents of J&K.

"Every resident of Jammu and Kashmir is not a terrorist. Not every Kashmiri is on the side of terrorists. It is only a handful of people who have tried to disturb the peace and harmony here," the chief minister said.

He underscored the need to distinguish between the perpetrators and the general populace. "When we begin to look at every Kashmiri Muslim through the same lens and try to give the impression that every Kashmiri Muslim is a terrorist, it becomes very difficult to keep things on the right track," he cautioned.

Another Kashmiri doctor detained in Kanpur

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

Yet another doctor from Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Aarif Mir, a first-year MD student at the Kanpur Heart Institute in Kanpur and allegedly an acquaintance of Delhi blast accused Dr Umar Nabi, was detained in connection with the incident.

According to sources, the Uttar Pradesh ATS picked up Aarif from his residence on Wednesday evening after his name appeared in the contact list of Lucknow-based doctor Shaheen Sayeed, who was earlier arrested from Faridabad over her suspected links with the terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad.

Sources said Aarif, who hails from Anantnag district in J&K, and Umar were classmates at the Srinagar Medical College, and that Umar had spoken to Aarif a few days before the blast.

Police sources added that Aarif was taken to Delhi by a special team of the Delhi Police for interrogation.

A senior official said that Aarif had joined the Institute three months ago. Police also questioned Aarif's roommate.

Sources said Aarif and Shaheen had been in contact for a long time, and intelligence officials suspect there may be others in Kanpur who are part of their network.

Dr Adeel flew from Srinagar to Delhi days before blast

LUCKNOW, DHNS: Police have recovered a flight ticket from the garbage outside the house of Dr Adeel Rather in Saharanpur showing that he had travelled from Srinagar to Delhi on October 31, days before the car blast in Delhi.

According to sources, the ticket was dated October 31, and his seat number was 18C. The flight ticket was recovered from garbage outside Aadil's house in Saharanpur on Wednesday.

Adeel, who worked at a city hospital and hailed from J&K's Kulgam district, was arrested in Saharanpur on November 6. An AK-47 rifle was recovered from his house in Kashmir. Explosives were recovered from Faridabad after his arrest.

Adeel's house in Saharanpur was locked and put under surveillance. The flight ticket reveals that he was in Delhi ten days before the blast.

Adeel had shifted from Srinagar to Saharanpur in 2024, and since then, worked at different hospitals in the town.

Shah vows harsh punishment for perpetrators

AHMEDABAD, DHNS: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday declared that the Delhi car explosion was a terrorist act and that the perpetrators will face harsh punishment to deter future occurrences.

Amit Shah

Shah made these remarks while speaking virtually at the inauguration of the Shri Motibhai R Chaudhary Sagar Sainik School and the Sagar Organic Plant in Boriavi village, Mehsana district.

While expressing condolences to the families of blast victims, the union minister said that nine people were killed while 25 were left injured in the accident.

"In this regard, I only want to say that all those involved in whatever capacity behind the blast will be brought before the court of law and will be punished as per Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to ensure strict punishment...which will become an example so that such incidents don't occur in the country," the Union minister said.

Defence ministry signs Rs 2,000-cr deal for anti-tank missiles

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Defence Ministry on Thursday signed a Rs 2,000 crore agreement with the Hyderabad-based Bharat Dynamics Limited to buy INVAR anti-tank missiles for India's frontline T-90 tanks.

The Rs 2095.70-crore procurement would be for 500 anti-tank guided missiles for the Russian-origin tanks, the mainstay of the Indian Army's armoured regiments.

The weapon system is a sophisticated laser-guided anti-tank missile with very high hit probability, a defence ministry spokesperson said in a statement.

The missiles with a range of 5 km will not only enhance the firepower and lethality of the T-90 fleet but also transform the conduct of mechanised operations and offer operational advantage against the adversary. The missile can neutralise enemy tanks fitted with explosive reactive armour protection.

BDL has been manufacturing these missiles for over a decade under technical collaboration with Rosoboronexport of Russia.

A police official searches for evidence on the premises of Sri Digambar Jain Lal temple in the aftermath of a blast in the area, opposite Red Fort, in New Delhi. PTI

How a doctor-turned-cop diagnosed Jaish terror module

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STETH TO SURVEILLANCE

- Medical graduate-turned-IPS officer applies diagnostic-style reasoning to investigation
- Jaish posters triggered suspicion; coded language raised red flags
- Srinagar Police traced online footprints; suspects with medical and academic backgrounds identified

The "doctor terror module" may have been conceived in secrecy, but it took a doctor in uniform to uncover it — and, in the process, prevent another tragedy from being written into India's terror history.

Last month, a few Jaish-e-Mohammed posters appeared on walls in Srinagar's Nowgam area — a routine act of propaganda in a city long familiar with the signs of militancy. But for Dr GV Sundeep Chakravarthy, the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar, something didn't add up. The language was unusually coded, the timing odd, and the location deliberate.

What looked like a small act of intimidation turned out to be a clue to one of the most sophisticated terror plots in recent years, a network run by highly educated professionals, including doctors.

The breakthrough began when Srinagar Police traced online footprints linked to the posters. The digital trail pointed towards suspects with medical and academic backgrounds, setting off alarms in the intelligence grid. Further leads reached Faridabad, where agencies recovered 2,900 kg of explosives, enough to cause multiple city-level blasts.

It was Chakravarthy's analytical approach that knitted together these scattered strands. A medical graduate from Kurnool Medical College who later joined the 2014 batch of the Indian Police Service, he is known among peers for combining scientific reasoning with investigative instinct.

"He dissects a case the way a doctor diagnoses disease — symptom by symptom, until the full pathology is revealed," said an officer involved in the case.

Under his command, Srinagar Police employed cyber forensics, inter-state coordination, and discreet ground surveillance that eventually helped central agencies identify the full contours of the module. The investigation has now expanded to multiple states, with several individuals, including relatives and associates of the Kashmiri doctors, being questioned.

This isn't the first time Chakravarthy has led a breakthrough. Earlier in August, he oversaw Operation Mahadev, in which security forces neutralised the Lashkar-e-Taiba module behind the Pahalgam terror attack.

Congress asks PM Modi to call all-party meeting

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Congress on Thursday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi chair an all-party meeting to discuss the Red Fort blast, asking why it took 48 hours for the government to declare it a terror attack and whether the "new normal" doctrine defined after the Pahalgam attack of treating any future terror strike as an "act of war" stands.

The party also wanted the government to advance the Parliament's Winter Session from December 1, saying the government must engage with all parties to ensure a "cohesive approach" to national security, strengthen coordination with states and make every possible effort to ensure the safety of citizens and tourists, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir.

It asked why Home Minister Amit Shah was continuing in his post despite several terror strikes happening under his watch and whether he would take responsibility for the "lapses".

Pune: 8 dead as car gets crushed between 2 container trucks

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Smoke billows as fire engulfs two large container trucks and a car after an accident on a bridge along the Mumbai-Bengaluru Highway, in Pune. PTI

At least eight persons were killed and 20 others were injured in a major accident and resultant fire involving two container lorries and a car at the Selfie Point on the Navale Bridge on the outskirts of Pune city on Thursday evening.

The incident took place on the Pune-Bengaluru Highway at around 5.30 pm.

Officials suspected that the CNG kit in the car exploded following the impact which led to the fire.

"As per the preliminary information, a container lorry was going towards Mumbai. When it reached the bridge, the driver lost control of it due to a suspected brake failure. The vehicle then hit another container moving ahead. However, a car running between these two containers got crushed," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 1) Sambhaji Kadam said. The accident triggered a huge fire and the vehicles got engulfed in it, he said.

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Most of the injured were travelling in the minibus.

Traffic on the Pune-Bengaluru Highway was affected as a result of the accident.

Around 15 to 20 people have been taken to local hospitals, officials said.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis described the incident as 'extremely tragic and heartbreaking'. "I offer my heartfelt tribute to those who lost their lives in this incident. We share in the grief of their families," he said and announced an ex gratia of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased.

Trial run for India's first digital census begins in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PTI: A trial run for the country's first digital census has begun in Kerala, officials said on Thursday.

The test, conducted in Palakkad, Ernakulam, and Idukki districts, aims to identify and resolve any issues before the nationwide rollout. The exercise, carried out under the provisions of the Census Act of 1948, marks the first phase of preparations for the 2027 Census, a press release said.

Following the central government's notification, Kerala has initiated groundwork for this landmark digital transition.

In Palakkad, the pre-test is being conducted in the tribal villages of Kallamala and Sholayur under the Attappady Tribal Taluk Office.

In Idukki, it is taking place in Irattayar village under Udumbanchola taluk, while in Ernakulam, the exercise covers Wards 1 to 4 of the Kochi Municipal Corporation.

DATA SHIFT

- The 2027 census will be the country's first since 2011 and will, for the first time since independence, register people's castes.
- The main count is scheduled to take place on March 1, 2027.
- It will be conducted in two stages: the House Listing and Housing Census, followed by Population Enumeration.

District Collectors have been appointed as Principal Census Officers, while the Tahsildars of Udumbanchola and Attappady taluks and the Secretary of the Kochi Corporation have been designated as Charge Officers. Enumerators will collect data directly from households.

According to the release, the digital census will be conducted in two stages: the House Listing and Housing Census, followed by Population Enumeration.

Data collection will be carried out through mobile applications, marking a significant step towards modernisation.

A Census Monitoring and Management System (CMMS) web portal has been established to track progress in real time.

The pre-test aims to identify and address potential challenges related to digital tools and system design, ensuring smooth implementation of the nationwide census. Sample areas were chosen to represent diverse conditions, including remote, hilly, and coastal regions, as well as areas with connectivity issues and densely populated settlements.

Citizens were also given an opportunity for self-enumeration from November 1 to 7, 2025, while the pre-test will continue until the end of the month, the release added.

India, Canada hold talks on trade, investments

NEW DELHI, PTI: India and Canada on Thursday held discussions on ways to promote bilateral trade and investments besides advancing collaborations in areas, including supply chain resilience, and health sectors.

The issues were discussed during the India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) meeting, which was co-chaired by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, and Canada's Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development Maninder Sidhu.

The ministers reaffirmed their commitment to fostering an open, transparent, and predictable business environment that supports sustainable growth, the commerce ministry said.

"Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral economic ties and advancing sectoral collaboration across priority domains, including nutritional security, supply chain resilience, health sector cooperation, and investment facilitation," it said.

They also reviewed recent trade policy developments, covering trade in goods and services, and exchanged views to enhance market access, promote regulatory alignment, and support long-term economic resilience.

CISCE board exam for class 10 from Feb 17, class 12 from Feb 12

NEW DELHI, PTI: The CISCE board exams for class 10 will begin from February 17 and those for class 12 from February 12, officials said on Thursday.

About 2.6 lakh candidates will appear for the ICSE (class X) examination while about 1.5 lakh candidates are set to take the ISC (class XII) examination this year.

"This year's examination schedule has been carefully crafted to ensure a balanced academic calendar, allowing candidates a reasonable preparation time between major subjects to the extent possible," said Joseph Emanuel, Chief Executive and Secretary, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE).

"The class 10 exams will be conducted from February 17 to March 30. The class 12 exams will be conducted from February 12 to April 6," he added.

SMART SHELVES

Tamil Nadu transforming libraries into information hubs

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At a time when technology and artificial intelligence (AI) are reshaping learning, the Tamil Nadu government is reimagining libraries as centres of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration by investing hundreds of crores in large facilities in key urban centres.

These modern libraries are not merely repositories of books, but provide access to lakhs of e-books and digital collections, besides serving as knowledge hubs offering quiet and calm spaces for students to prepare for competitive exams, incubation centres for startups, co-working facilities, and spaces for academic events.

Over Rs 800 crore is being spent to build modern libraries and science centres in Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Salem, Tirunelveli, and Cuddalore. Besides, the government is also investing Rs 50 crore in establishing Central Libraries with modern facilities in Tenkasi, Ranipet, Tiruppathur, Kallakurichi, Kanchipuram, Mayiladuthurai, Erode, and Thoothukudi districts.

The government is tailoring each facility to local needs. For instance, the Thanthai Periyar Library and Science Centre in Coimbatore includes an incubation and science centre reflecting its entrepreneurial ecosystem, while the library in Tiruchirapalli, named after K Kamaraj, features an AI research lab and robotics hub.

The library to be built in Cuddalore will have a co-working space providing an affordable and professional environment for those working from home—the government is also building co-working spaces for professionals in about 20 locations in Chennai after a facility in Chief Minister M K Stalin's constituency, Kolathur, became an instant success.

"We are reimagining libraries as vibrant hubs of learning," B Chandra Mohan, Principal Secretary (School Education), told *DH*.

With clean, comfortable, and technology-enabled spaces, co-working areas, and large auditoriums that can seat up to 1,000 people, these libraries are being reimagined as modern centres of knowledge, creativity, and collaboration, the bureaucrat said.

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POSTPONED OF TENDER NOTIFICATION

With above ref Tender invited through KPP portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov. in/) The work of Soraba Taluk (Indent 28292) is postponed due to the technical reason and dates for downloading & submission for the work is given below.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:24/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:06.11.2025

ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:11.11.2025

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:24/2025–26 ದಿ:06.11.2025 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ PACKAGE NO:01-3054-CMSADAK-MUDIGERE CONSTITUENCY-CHIKKAMAGALURU&MUDIGERE TALUK (1) ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಸತ್ತಿಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾ.ಪಂ. ಗುಲ್ಲನ್‌ಪೇಟೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಸತ್ತಿಹಳ್ಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ (ರೂ.45.00 ಲಕ್ಷ) (2)ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಸುಂಕಸಾಲೆ ಗ್ರಾ.ಪಂ. ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕಿರಿಯ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಾಲೆ ಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ದುರ್ಗದಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹರದಮನೆ ಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ. (ರೂ.10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ) (3) ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಗೋಣಿಬೀಡು ಗ್ರಾಪಂ. ಕಲ್ಲುಗುಡ್ಡ ಪ.ಜಾತಿ ಕಾಲೋನಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ (ರೂ.44.46 ಲಕ್ಷ) (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ:20245) ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

1. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.11.2025
2. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.11.2025
3. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.11.2025
4. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.12.2025

ಸಹಿ/–

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,

ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION &GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT DIVISION, BELAGAVI.

PH NO.0831-2463850 / FAX NO.0831-2423008

No.EE /MI&GWDDD/BGM/TND/AE/2025-26/3830 Date:11-11-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-1,2,3&4)

As per KTTP Act-2000 and recent Amendments the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi has invited the Item rate tender through KPPP (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Total 15 Nos. of Belagavi Sub Divisions. Estimate Amount Highest Rs.382.00 Lakhs & Lowest Rs.11.00 Lakh. 1. For KW-4 work: Date of Pre-tender meeting:18-11-2025 at 11.00 AM, 2.Tender Receipt Last Date:19-11-2025 Evening 4.00 PM, 3. Tender Opening Date:20-11-2025 Evening 4.30 PM (if possible), 4. For Tender Details office address: Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi & www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Executive Engineer,

M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1306/KSMCA/2025-26

KARNATAKA MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

No-39-821, Subedar Chatram Road, Opposite to Sheshadripuram Police Station, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.

No. K.M.D.C/TEND/Bore/2025-26/1787 Dated: 13.11.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR SUPPLY OF PUMP MOTOR

Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation Limited has invited e-tenders for district wise selection of contractors for Empanelment from interested contractors for supply of Pump motor and other equipment's under the Ganga Kalyan Yojana for the year 2024-25 in Tumkur District of Karnataka State.

Eligibility to participate in the tender, procedure for submission of tender, regulations, number of pumps to be supplied E.M.D. respective district and more information visit **website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#portal/portal-home.** E-Collection Helpline: **080-22864782** or **gky.kmdc@gmail.com** Telephone No: 080-22860999 can be contacted. Pre-Bid Meeting Queries submission date: **21-11-2025.** Last date for submission of bid: **29-11-2025 upto 5.00 p.m.** Technical bid opening date: **01-12-2025 at 5.10 p.m.**

Venue: Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation (Ltd), KMDC Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.

Sd/- General Manager and Tender Inviting Authority

DIPR/CP/RO3773/AAPL/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No: CEE/Tr(Op)ZH/SEE(O)/AE-1/TLGP- Mavali/2025-26/9851-54 Date: 12-11-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids through e-Procurement mode for the following work:

Work Indent No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/ WORK_INDENT2954 for **"Providing Additional 1X10MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer at existing 110/11KV sub-station at Mavali in Soraba taluk, Shivamogga District on PTK basis"**

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-Tendering process can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"Tenders" on or after 14.11.2025 @ 11:00 Hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.,)

Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan – 573 201.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ

ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ

ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು,

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ದೂ: 080–27833730

E-Mail: itstaff_ulb_hebbagodi@yahoo.com | Website: www.hebbagodicity.mrc.gov.in

ಸಂ:ಹೆ.ನ.ಸ/ಆ.ಶಾ/ಟೆ.ನೋ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/16/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.11.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **ಒಟ್ಟು 5 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.21.00 ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 49.81 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳನ್ನು** ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೆ ಡಬ್ಲೂ–2 ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಂತೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:14.11.2025 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:01.12.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:02.12.2025ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸುಜಾತ ಹರೀಶ್	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸುಜಾತ ಕೆ.ಪಿ. ರಾಜು	ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ ಜಯರಾಮ್	ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಬಿ.ಎಲ್,
ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು	ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು	ಸ್ಥಾಯಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು	ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.	ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.	ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.	ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೨/ವಾಪ್ರ/ಜೆಎ/3781/2025–26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Office of the Executive Engineer,PRE Division

Jawahar Road Koppal 583231 ,Karnataka . Email: eepredkpl@gmail.com,

No:EE:PRED:DN:KPL:/DB/TENDER/2025-26 /1970 Date: 12.11.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICATION

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Koppal, invites item rates tender through kppp one / two cover systems, from eligible PWD and PRE Department registered contractors through Standard Bid Document KW-1,2,3 & 4, under head of account 2024-25-5054- FLOOD,2023-24/2024-25 SCP-TSP , 2025-26 CMGSY .LINK,UNTIED & Other heads in different talukas of Koppal district . This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka . For more information contact above the office. Eligible contractors participate online by entering into kppp portal. http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.

General instructions: 1.Contractors participate in all tenders online only. 2).Pre-qualification documents should be uploaded by scanning all certificates & other concerned documents online only. 3)3.Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in eproc-portal. For more information, contractors need to consult to below signed official, officer, contractors may get the information by going through. http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.This notified works can be downloaded in http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal from dated **13.11.2025**

1) A) CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD & DRAIN IN SC COLONY IN TALLUR TANDA + TALLUR IN YELBURGA TALUK. (B) CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD & DRAIN IN SC COLONY IN CHIKKOPPA TANDA IN YELBURGA TALUK. APT-Rs. 63.16 LAKHS EMD: 64000.00-. (SC CATEGORY) IND NO:19598/CALL-2

2) CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD & DRAIN IN SC COLONY IN BALUTAGI IN YELBURGA TALUK. APT-Rs. 84.12 LAKHS EMD: 84000.00- SC CATEGORY IND NO:18594/CALL-2

Tender Processing Fees As per E-Procurement Download of Schedule-B in Eproc Portal From **13.11.2025** time after 10.00 AM upto **20.11.2025** time 16.00 Hours. Tender Receipt last dates From **13.11.2025**,time 11.00 AM upto **20.11.2025** Time 16.30 hrs Technical Bid open date and time(Both Technical & Financial bids are opened as same date for KW 1 & KW 2 ,KW-3 Works **21.11.2025** in office hours. Financial Bid open date and time For KW 4 After getting Technical approval from competent authority, bid will be opened

Note: The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject any of the tenders at any stage without assigning the reasons .

Sd/- Executive Engineer

PRE Division Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/452/KSMCA-2025-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಶಿರಸಿ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ

ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08384–226381 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: ee_zpedsirsi@yahoo.co.in

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ/ವಿಶಿ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–4/RDPR FLOOD/ಟೆಂಡರ್–25/2025–26/2068

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12–11–2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ 25/2025–26 (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಶಿರಸಿ ಇವರಿಂದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನವಿಕೃತ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ 2019–20ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನವಿಕೃತ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ **5054 RDPR FLOOD** ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ **2000** ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Tender Document** ನಂತೆ **KW-III** ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: **SC Category (1) RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT 17165/CALL-2 (2) RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT17295/CALL-2 CAT-II A Category (3) RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT15830/ CALL-2**

(1) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24–11–2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್–ಬಿ ಗಳ **Technical Bid** ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–11–2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. (3) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ **Financial Bid** ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26–11–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 16.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ)

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DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES

Maulana Azad Bhavan, No.16C, Miller Tank Bund Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No: DOM/SSC&RRB Training/Tender/CR-02/2025-26 Date: 14.11.2025

Announcement of Short Term Re-Tender

A Short term Re-tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities for providing 3 months pre-Examination coaching for various Exams conducted By SSC & RRB (Staff Selection Commission & Railway Recruitment Board) to the Minority Candidates (Men and Women) at Bengaluru, for the year 2025-26. Interested & eligible bidders/institutes can apply through e-Procurement portal. The schedule of Re-Tender will be as follows.

Sl. No.	Details	Date/Time
1.	Date of Re-Tender Publication	**14.11.2025**
2.	Re-Tender Amount:	**Rs. 50.00 Lakhs.**
3.	EMD Amount:	**Rs.1.00 Lakh**
4.	Pre-bid meeting:	**18.11.2025 at 11:30 a.m.**
5.	Last date and time for submission of Re-Tender:	**21.11.2025 by 5:30 p.m.**
6.	Date and time of Technical bid opening:	**24.11.2025 at 11:30 a.m.**
7.	Date and time of Financial bid opening:	**27.11.2025 at 3:00 p.m.**
8.	Place of Re-tender opening and contact address:	Maulana Azad Bhawan, No.16C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
9.	Telephone No. to be contacted	**080-22535902/ 080-22535912.**

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SC bans mining within 1 km of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries

Orders J'khand to notify 126 compartments in Saranda forest as sanctuary

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Thursday emphasised its previous direction that mining within the national park and wildlife sanctuary and within an area of one km from the boundary of such areas is not permissible.

A bench of Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran directed the Jharkhand government to declare the area comprising 126 compartments in Saranda forest area as notified in the 1968 order, excluding six compartments, as a wildlife sanctuary within a period of three months.

The court pointed out, the Saranda forest area is undisputedly one of the most pristine Sal forests in the world. It is a biodiversity hotspot, interconnected with forests in Odisha and Chhattisgarh, creating a contiguous wildlife corridor.

The region is rich in biodiversity and wildlife and includes within its confines the critically endangered and endemic Sal Forest Tortoise, four horned antelope, Asian palm civet, wild elephants, leopards, sambar and chital deer, bison, barking deer, and numerous species of birds and reptiles, the bench noted.

In its 71-page judgment, the court directed the state government to give wide publicity to the fact that, neither the individual rights nor the community rights of the tribals and the forest dwellers in the said area would be adversely affected.

"The state shall also give wide publicity to the fact that in view of the provision of Section 3 read with sub-Section (1) of Section 4 of the FRA (Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006) all the rights of the tribals and the forest dwellers both individually as well as of community shall stand protected," the bench said.

The court held that the bogey that on declaration of a wildlife sanctuary, the habitations and rights of the tribals and traditional forest dwellers will be lost and vital public infrastructures like educational institutions, roads, etc, will have to be demolished is only a figment of imagination of the state.

"Rather than taking such a stand before this court, we are of the considered view that the state should have educated the tribals/forest dwellers residing in the said areas about the rights available to them under the FRA as well as the WPA (Wildlife Protection Act)," the bench said.

SC flags 'very, very serious' Delhi air crisis, says masks ineffective

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Thursday expressed serious concern over Delhi's worsening air pollution, saying the situation was "very, very serious" and that even masks were proving ineffective.

The court urged lawyers to attend hearings virtually as air quality in the national capital touched severe levels.

In an unrelated hearing, a two-judge bench led by Justice P S Narasimha voiced grave concern over the air pollution. The bench asked lawyers arguing the case why they were physically present in court when they had the option to join virtually, advising them to make use of that facility.

"This pollution will cause permanent damage," the bench remarked.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who was present in court, responded, "We are using masks here, even inside the courtroom."

To this, Justice Narasimha observed, "Even masks are not enough. They will not suffice. We will discuss this with the Chief Justice of India as well."

"The quality of air in Delhi has reached a point where masks may no longer be enough to protect citizens. The situation is very, very serious," the judge reiterated.

The court advised advocates to participate in proceedings via video-conferencing rather than appear in person, to avoid exposure to the toxic air.

Pilot not blamed for Air India plane crash, Centre tells SC

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Union government on Thursday submitted before the Supreme Court that the Air India pilot has not been blamed in the AAIB's preliminary report into the June 12 plane crash, which claimed 260 lives.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted before a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi, that he understood the feeling of pilot's father and there was no blame attributed to anyone.

"As a matter of fact, after the interim report, which is mandatory within one month as per international standard, since there was some misconception, the Ministry of Civil Aviation issued a press note, and there is no blame attributable to anyone," he said.

The court was hearing a plea by Pushkar Raj Sabharwal, the father of Commander Sumeet Sabharwal, one of the pilots of the ill-fated flight, seeking a judicially monitored panel, headed by a former judge of the apex court, to conduct a probe into the crash.

Mehta submitted that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) team to investigate the plane crash was formed under the international regime and there is a statutory provision for it.

"The AAIB inquiry is not meant to apportion blame on anyone. It is only to clarify the cause and then give recommendations so that the same does not happen again," the bench noted.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing Sabharwal, submitted that the regime Mehta mentioned has not been followed, and that was the problem. Mehta said any interference by anyone might be counterproductive to a good, valid, and really focused investigation, which is going on.

The bench asked Mehta to file a response to the plea filed by the father of the deceased and fixed the matter for further hearing after two weeks.

Nithari killings prime accused Surendra Koli walks out of jail after acquittal

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

Nineteen years after the infamous Nithari killings, Surendra Koli, who was the co-accused, walked out of the Luksar Jail in Greater Noida after the Supreme Court allowed his curative petition challenging his conviction and acquitted him in the last of the 13 cases pertaining to the sensational murders.

Wearing a mask and carrying a small bag, a smiling Koli walked out of the jail around seven on Wednesday evening, according to the jail officials.

As many as 13 cases were lodged against Koli in connection with the killings in 2006, which triggered nationwide outrage.

He had already been acquitted in 12 cases. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the last case, which pertained to the killing of Rimpa Halder.

The main accused in the case, Moninder Singh Pandher, had earlier been acquitted in all the cases. The case pertained to the killings of several children and the abuse of many women between 2005 and 2006 at Nithari village in Noida.

The first case in the matter was registered in October 2006. Skeletal remains were recovered in December of the same year.

The matter was handed over to the CBI in 2007 and a year later, both Pandher and Koli were awarded death sentences in the matter. The high court, however, acquitted them later and the SC too concurred with the high court.

The families of the victims expressed resentment over their acquittals.

One of the members of the victims' families said that skeletons had been recovered from the drains and several girls from the village had disappeared, yet there was no conviction.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie

HONEY, WILL YOUR BOSS LET YOU LEAVE EARLY FOR DINNER?
TELL HIM I'LL SEND LEFTOVERS FOR HIM TOMORROW
WHATTA YA SAY, BOSS?
INVITE ME OVER FOR DINNER TONIGHT AND YOU'VE GOT A DEAL

Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey

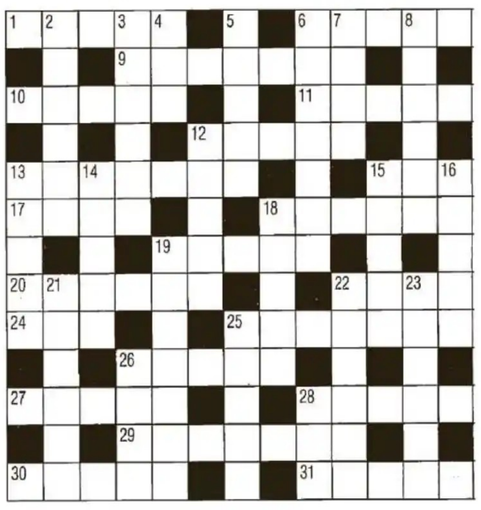
SO YOU'RE SURE THERE'S NOTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
UM... NO REAL COMPLAINTS, ALL GOOD...
MAYBE NEXT TIME WE COULD TRY A PRIVATE SESSION
GREG + MORT WALKER 7/24

Peanuts

IF WE BECAME LOST IN THE WOODS, HOW LONG COULD WE GO WITHOUT REAL FOOD?
I'LL BET WE COULD GO FOR A MONTH WITHOUT REAL FOOD
HOW ABOUT JUNK FOOD?
ELEVEN MINUTES!

Marvin

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12288



CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Waste, we hear, in a statistical centre (5)
6 Food for the journey east (5)
9 She names a vessel (7)
10 The best letter takes a lot of paper (5)
11 Little house with no fridge (5)
12 Gets hold of disorderly bars at Gateshead (5)
13 Gains a lot, nominally (7)
15 Fay, said to be whimsical (3)
17 She's some comedienne! (4)
18 Not out to recreate the moa (2,4)
19 Are out to serve, love (5)
20 In Africa, the first letter to upset Sarah (6)
22 One born in Hollywood? (4)
24 Strike hard at it! (3)
25 Something horsy afoot (7)
26 Twin uncle (5)
27 Not originally a slimmer's setback (5)
28 Chap to tidy up the stable? (5)
29 Her gift is to make aircraft (7)
30 She's less than humanitarian (5)
31 My first original Christmas gift! (5)

DOWN
2 Fearful affray said to come to a sad end (6)
3 Thin wooden beam, part of a seat (6)
4 Young Scot in "The Quiet American" (3)
5 Decorate sailors with much ceremony (5)
6 Praise for people holding out, losing nothing (7)
7 Well, they aren't riches (4)
8 Met up with a real expert, just for now (3,3)
12 Cheese, initially from an urban district in part of India (5)
13 Language we start learning on the quiet! (5)
14 Thing rebuilt in time (5)
15 Playing strength? (5)
16 Long time getting to the point (5)
18 Place in some embarrassment (5)
19 Land of men in song (7)
21 Weapon suitable for a "29 Across"? (6)
22 Nice sort of night to stay out of the car (6)
23 Warm-hearted, uncompromising devotion (6)
25 Too keen to turn up and have a fling? (5)
26 A crack from some drifter (4)
28 It's Margaret's turn to be a treasure (3)

ACROSS
1 Leered (5)
6 Bring about (5)
9 Extraterrestrial (7)
10 Pastime (5)
11 Bend (5)
12 Tables (5)
13 Turned aside (7)
15 Body of water (3)
17 Writing table (4)
18 Remember (6)
19 Large shrubs (5)
20 Ground (6)
22 Formerly (4)
24 Cathedral city (3)
25 Church (7)
26 Fool (5)
27 Horrify (5)
28 Closes (5)
29 Milder (7)
30 Interior style (5)
31 Russian rulers (5)

DOWN
2 Furrow (6)
3 Set off (6)
4 Period of time (3)
5 Sedate (5)
6 Forts (7)
7 Insects (4)
8 Spade (6)
12 Gain knowledge (5)
13 Love (5)
14 Treatise (5)
15 Holy person (5)
16 Change (5)
18 Send (5)
19 Child (7)
21 Pass (6)
22 Willows (6)
23 Underground room (6)
25 Facial feature (5)
26 Shakespearean villain (4)
28 Group (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12287

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 4, Da-BB-le 7, Laudable 8, Ama-Zo-n 10, Study 13, Flog 14, H-Op.-e 15, W-it-S 16, Key (West) 17, Bean 19, Aged 21, Car-nation 23, Sara 24, Loco (-motive) 26, Fat 27, Salt 29, Spud 32, Deny 33, SE-ine 34, Rober-t 35, Overcoat 36, Berlin.
DOWN: 1, Flush 2, Put up 3, La-D-y 4, Deal-t 5, Brag 6, Lo-OK-ed 9, Mosaic 11, Tow (rev.) 12, Debar 13, Fin-ally 15, W-a-N 16, Ken 18, Eras-er 20, (Wild) Goose (chase) 21, Cat 22, T-O-T 23, Sal-OM-e 25, B-un 28, An-ton 30, Pi-lot 31, Dents 32, Deal 33, Su-R-e.

EASY
ACROSS: 4, Fumble 7, Original 8, Adapts 10, Bliss 13, Diet 14, Seem 15, Herr 16, Dam 17, Otic 19, Idol 21, Ice maiden 23, Lake 24, Glee 26, Wan 27, Tool 29, Mail 32, Fern 33, Aside 34, Coward 35, Engineer 36, Writer.
DOWN: 1, Bombs 2, Dixie 3, Miss 4, Flair 5, Meat 6, Lethal 9, Deride 11, Leg 12, Smock 13, Decagon 15, Him 16, Don 18, Teeter 20, Deems 21, Ian 22, Ill 23, Labour 25, Bid 28, Order 30, Aimed 31, Learn 32, Fast 33, Avid.

◆SU-DO-KU-6751◆

			8		1			7
6	5							
		8				4	9	
	3				9	2		5
	9	6	2		5	1	3	
2		5	4				8	
	6	4				3		
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9			5		2			

very hard

SOLUTION TO 6750

4	9	3	1	7	8	5	2	6
1	7	2	6	5	4	8	9	3
5	6	8	3	2	9	4	1	7
2	3	9	5	8	6	1	7	4
7	4	6	2	1	3	9	8	5
8	5	1	4	9	7	6	3	2
3	2	5	9	6	1	7	4	8
9	8	4	7	3	5	2	6	1
6	1	7	8	4	2	3	5	9

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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S3 A1 I1 O1 M3 M3 A1 — Double Word Score
U1 T1 N1 O1 B3 L1 L1
R1 S1 E1 R1 W4 T1 T1 — Triple Word Score
E1 Y4 B3 T1 U1 U1 A1

RACK 1
RACK 2
RACK 3
RACK 4

PAR SCORE 40-50
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

S1 C3 R1 U1 F4 F4 — RACK 1 = 28
M3 A1 L1 L1 E1 T1 — RACK 2 = 8
M3 I1 S1 T1 I1 E1 R1 — RACK 3 = 59
R1 A1 V4 A1 G2 E1 — RACK 4 = 30
M3 E1 M3 E1 N1 T1 O1 — RACK 5 = 63

PAR SCORE 120-130 — JUDD'S TOTAL 188

JUMBLE® THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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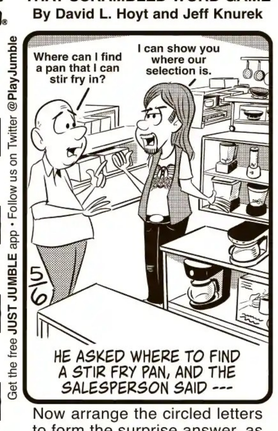
UNCTO
LYWOLE
LAHWTE


Where can I find a pan that I can stir fry in?
I can show you where our selection is.
HE ASKED WHERE TO FIND A STIR FRY PAN, AND THE SALESPERSON SAID ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ◯◯◯ " ◯◯◯◯ ◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DODGE KITTY DROOPY SPRAIN
Answer: After a long day of planting shrubs, it was dinnertime, and they were — READY TO DIG IN

HITORI-3205

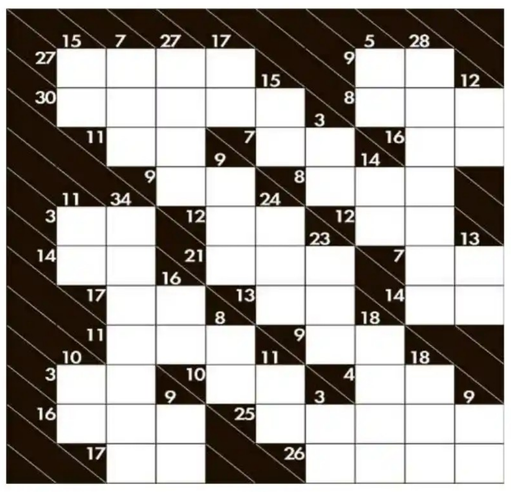
2	5	3	1	6	2	4	7
3	4	7	1	7	6	8	5
5	7	6	3	2	4	4	2
1	5	4	6	3	8	5	6
6	3	8	4	2	7	5	8
7	2	1	6	5	3	3	6
4	6	2	6	8	1	6	3
6	1	7	2	6	6	4	3

SOLUTION TO 3204

1	4	■	6	2	8	7	■
■	7	8	■	3	■	6	2
6	8	1	2	7	4	■	5
2	■	5	■	1	■	3	6
7	6	■	8	4	5	■	1
5	■	2	1	■	3	8	4
3	5	■	4	6	7	2	■
■	2	7	■	5	■	1	8

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3205



SOLUTION TO 3204

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3735

■			6					■
	■	3					■	7
		5		9	1	■		
1			■		4			
4			5	6				
7			■		■			
	6	1	4	3	5	■		
	■		8				■	
3								8

SOLUTION TO 3734

1	9	8	7	6	5	3	4	2
5	6	7	2	3	4	1	9	8
2	4	3	8	1	9	5	6	7
8	2	6	9	4	3	7	1	5
4	1	5	6	7	2	8	3	9
3	7	9	1	5	8	4	2	6
9	5	4	3	8	6	2	7	1
7	8	2	4	9	1	6	5	3
6	3	1	5	2	7	9	8	4

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

2 SC judges quit over Pakistan's new constitutional amendment

Judges denounce it as 'grave assault' on the Constitution

ISLAMABAD, PTI

Two senior judges of Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday resigned in protest against a new constitutional amendment, alleging that it undermined the Constitution and compromised the independence of the judiciary.

Justices Mansoor Ali Shah and Athar Minallah stepped down hours after President Asif Ali Zardari approved the contentious 27th Constitutional Amendment — the final step to make it law after it was passed by both houses of parliament.

Under the amended legislation, a Federal Constitutional Court will be set up to deal with matters related to the Constitution, while the existing Supreme Court will deal only with traditional civil and criminal cases.

Justice Shah, in his letter, termed the amendment a "grave assault on the Constitution of Pakistan", which "dismantles the Supreme Court of Pakistan, subjugates the judiciary to executive control, and strikes at the very heart of our constitutional democracy."

"By fracturing the unity of the nation's apex court, it has crippled judicial independence and integrity, pushing the country back by decades... Such a disfigurement of the constitutional order is unsustainable and will, in time, be reversed — but not before leaving deep institutional scars," he wrote. Shah said he had to choose between continuing to serve in a system that "undermines the very foundation of the institution one has sworn to protect" or stepping down.

"Staying on would not only amount to silent acquiescence in a constitutional wrong, but would also mean continuing to sit in a court whose constitutional voice has been muted. Serving in such a truncated and diminished court, I cannot protect the Constitution, nor can I even judicially examine the amendment that has disfigured it," he added. Justice Minallah, in his resignation letter, wrote that he had sworn to uphold "the Constitution" but not merely "a constitution."

"Prior to the passage of the 27th Amendment, I wrote to the Chief Justice of Pakistan, expressing concern over what its proposed features meant for our constitutional order... Against a canvas of selective silence and inaction, those fears have now come to be," he said.

Later in the day, Supreme Court judge Justice Aminuddin Khan was appointed as the first Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court. Khan's appointment will take effect from the date he takes the oath of office, which is scheduled for Friday at the Presidency.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif (front left) with his brother and former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (front right) attend parliament session in Islamabad on Thursday. AFP

POWERPLAY

- The 27th Constitutional Amendment establishes a new Federal Constitutional Court to handle constitutional matters, leaving the Supreme Court with only civil and criminal cases
- Both judges highlighted that judicial independence and integrity have been crippled saying, the amendment is a "grave assault on the Constitution"
- The Prime Minister will now recommend the Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court for appointment

Lifetime immunity to president, current army chief

ISLAMABAD, AFP: Pakistan's parliament approved a sweeping constitutional amendment on Thursday granting lifetime immunity to the president as well as the current army chief, a move critics warned would erode democratic checks and judicial independence.

The 27th amendment, passed by a two-thirds majority, also consolidates military power under a new Chief of Defence Forces role and establishes a Federal Constitutional Court. The changes grant army chief Asim Munir, promoted to field marshal after Pakistan's clash with India in May, command over the army, air force and the navy. He and other top military brass will enjoy lifelong protections.

Any officer promoted to field marshal, marshal of the air force, or admiral of the fleet will now retain rank and privileges for life, remain in uniform, and enjoy immunity from criminal proceedings.

Such protections were previously only reserved for the head of state. "This amendment will increase authoritarianism and whatever little semblance of democracy existed in this country will fade away," said Osama Malik, an Islamabad-based lawyer.

US lauds India's 'measured' approach after blast

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The United States lauded India for its 'measured and professional handling' of the ongoing investigation into the deadly car explosion near Red Fort.

United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Canada on Wednesday, said India did not need the US help in investigating the case.

"We're aware of the potential that it has, and so we spoke about that a little bit today – the potential that it has to become something broader," Rubio said, referring to his meeting with Jaishankar on the sidelines of a G7 meeting in Canada. He was replying to a query about the possibility of the explosion in Delhi triggering fresh tension between India and Pakistan. "I think we're going to wait and see what their investigation reveals. We've offered to help, but I think they're very capable in these investigations. They don't need our help," Rubio said.

"But I think the Indians are – need to be commended; they have been very measured and cautious and very professional in how they're carrying out this investigation. That investigation continues," Rubio said, adding, "Clearly, it was a terrorist attack. It was a car loaded with highly explosive materials that detonated and killed a lot of people. But, I think they're doing a very good job of carrying out an investigation, and I think when they have facts, they'll release those facts."

WORLD AT A GLANCE

US President Donald Trump shows the signed bill package to re-open the federal government at the White House in Washington, DC, on Wednesday. AFP

Trump signs bill to end longest US government shutdown

▸ The US government was set to take its first tentative steps towards reopening on Thursday after President Donald Trump signed a bill to end the longest federal shutdown in US history, AFP reports from Washington.

The 43-day funding freeze had paralysed Washington and left hundreds of thousands of workers unpaid while Republicans and Democrats engaged in a high-stakes blame game. The Republican-led House of Representatives voted on Wednesday, largely along party lines, to approve a Senate-passed package that will reopen federal departments and agencies, as many Democrats fumed over what they saw as a capitulation by party leaders. Trump criticised Democrats as he signed the bill in the Oval Office, urging Americans to remember the chaos when voting in the hotly contested US midterm elections next year. "Today we are sending a clear message that we will never give in to extortion," said Trump, surrounded by jubilant Republican lawmakers, including House Speaker Mike Johnson. Johnson had earlier blamed the minority party in a withering floor speech before the vote.

Bid to save iconic Indian hotel

▸ Some of Britain's leading chefs across cuisines on Thursday came out fighting in favour of one of London's oldest Indian restaurants, Veeraswamy, which is battling the threat of losing its iconic central location on Regent Street in a lease extension stand-off, PTI reports from London.

In an open letter in 'The Times', well-known chefs and restaurateurs such as Cyrus Todiwala, Raymond Blanc and Michel Roux appealed to the Crown Estate, landlord of Victory House, which houses the Michelin-star restaurant for nearly 100 years since April 1926, to "act responsibly". Last summer, Veeraswamy owners MW Eat were informed that its lease would not be renewed because the Crown Estate wants to extend the ground floor reception area for the offices on the building's upper floors.

Migrants will train Americans, then return home: Bessent

US targets H-1B abuse but stresses need for retaining global talent

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, PTI

A day after US President Donald Trump defended the H-1B visa programme, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the "vision" is to bring in skilled overseas workers who will train Americans and then return home.

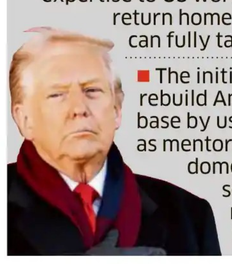
"The President's vision here is to bring in overseas workers, where these jobs went, who have the skills. Three, five, seven years to train the US workers, then they can go home. The US workers fully take over," Bessent said in an interview with Fox News on Wednesday.

Bessent was responding to a question about Trump's recent remarks on the H-1B visa programme, in which the President said America has to bring in talent since it does not have "certain talents".

He explained that for 20 to 30 years, the US has offshored precision manufacturing jobs. "And the President's point here is, again, we can't snap our fingers and say, 'You're going to learn how to build ships overnight'. We want to bring the semiconductor industry back to the US." "So this idea of overseas partners coming in, teaching American workers, then returning home — that's a home run," Bessent added, noting that Americans currently cannot take up those jobs because "we haven't built ships in the US for years; we haven't built semiconductors."

TRUMP'S 'TRAIN AND RETURN' H-1B VISION

- Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent says President Trump's goal is to bring in skilled overseas workers temporarily to train American workers for advanced industries
- Foreign professionals would stay for three to seven years, transfer their expertise to US workers, and then return home once Americans can fully take over the roles.
- The initiative aims to rebuild America's industrial base by using foreign talent as mentors while restoring domestic capacity and self-reliance in key manufacturing fields.
- The idea stems from decades of offshoring precision manufacturing, which left the US short of workers skilled in complex sectors such as shipbuilding and semiconductor production.



'We'll keep using H-1B visas'

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Kristi Noem said America would continue using visa programmes while ensuring stricter vetting, PTI reports. "We're going to keep using our visa programmes. We're just going to make sure they have integrity, that we're properly vetting the individuals who come into this country — that they want to be here for the right reasons, that they're not supporters of terrorists or organisations that hate America," Noem said.

Tribunal to deliver verdict against Hasina on Nov 17

DHAKA, PTI: Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) on Thursday announced it would deliver the verdict against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina on November 17 after her trial in absentia on charges of crimes against humanity.

"The three-judge tribunal set November 17 for delivering the verdict," a journalist attending the tightly secured special court in the capital told PTI.

Hasina, her home minister in the ousted Awami League government, Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and then inspector general of police or police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun were tried in the tribunal. The ex-premier and Kamal were tried in absentia, with the court declaring them fugitives. ICT-BD Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam earlier demanded the death penalty for the accused.

Mamun faced the trial in person but emerged as an approver or state witness.

The former police chief appeared on the dock as the ICT-BD chair Justice Mohammad Golam Mortuza Majumder fixed the date. The tribunal on October 23 concluded the hearing after over 28 working days.

G7 nations unite on Ukraine, but sidestep US strikes and trade rows

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE (ONTARIO, CANADA), AP/PTI

Top diplomats from the Group of Seven (G7) industrialised democracies publicly showed unity on Ukraine and Sudan on Wednesday, but avoided contentious issues such as the US military strikes on boats in the Caribbean and trade tensions.

The G7 foreign ministers met with Ukraine's foreign minister as Kyiv struggles to fend off Russian aerial attacks that have caused rolling blackouts across the country. Andriy Sybiha said Ukraine needs the continued support of its partners to survive what he called a "very difficult, very tough winter."

"We have to move forward to pressure Russia, to raise the price of aggression for Russia, for (Russian President Vladimir) Putin, to end this war," Sybiha said.

In a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the two-day gathering, the G7 ministers said they were increasing economic costs for Russia and exploring measures against those who finance its war efforts.

Canada announced additional sanctions against Russia, including measures targeting those involved in drone development and deployment, while Britain pledged further funding for Ukraine's energy infrastructure.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio made no new announcements but said on social media that the meeting focused on ways "to strengthen Ukraine's defence and find an end to this bloody conflict." "We are doing whatever is necessary to support Ukraine," said Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand.

The meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake, near the US border, came after US President Donald Trump decided to end trade talks with Canada following an anti-tariff advertisement aired in the US by Ontario's provincial government, which reportedly angered him. This followed a spring marked by acrimony—since somewhat abated—after Trump's remarks suggesting Canada should become the 51st US state. Anand declined to comment on the trade dispute.

"I am here to talk about the work that the G7 ministers are doing," she said.

President Droupadi Murmu with Botswana's President Duma Boko during the release of cheetahs at a nature reserve in Gaborone on Thursday. PTI

Botswana cheetahs for India

▸ President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday was symbolically handed over eight cheetahs by her Botswana counterpart Duma Gideon Boko at a nature reserve near here on the last day of her state visit, PTI reports from Gaborone.

The two heads of state reached the Mokolodi Nature Reserve, about 10 kms south of capital Gaborone, earlier in the morning and took a safari vehicle to witness the event of two captured big cats being released into a quarantine pen. Wildlife officials from India and Botswana also briefed Murmu and Boko about the procedure. Officials said all the eight cheetahs are in the reserve and only two were released for quarantine in the presence of the heads of state as a symbolic gesture of handing over them to India by Botswana.

325 Indian fishermen arrested

▸ At least 328 Indian fishermen have been arrested and 41 trawlers seized so far this year for allegedly fishing in Sri Lankan waters, PTI reports from Colombo.

Deputy minister of fisheries Rathna Gamage said Sri Lanka has intensified the operations to stop "illegal fishing" by Indian trawlers in the international maritime border. Pointing out that there has been an increase in arrests of Indian fishermen for poaching this year, Gamage told reporters that so far 328 Indian fishermen have been arrested and their 41 trawlers have been seized by the Sri Lankan Navy.

Israeli settlers torch mosque in West Bank

DEIR ISTIYA (WEST BANK), AP/PTI: Israeli settlers torched and defaced a mosque in a Palestinian village in the central West Bank overnight, scribbling hateful messages in a show of defiance, a day after some Israeli leaders condemned a recent attack by settlers against Palestinians.

One wall and at least three copies of the Quran and some of the carpeting at the mosque in the Palestinian town of Deir Istiya had been torched. On one side of the mosque, settlers had left graffiti messages like "we are not afraid," "we will take revenge again," and "keep on condemning." The Hebrew scrawl appeared to reference Maj Gen Avi Bluth, the chief of the military's Central Command, issued a rare denunciation of the violence.

B'desh to hold referendum alongside Feb election

DHAKA, REUTERS: Bangladesh will hold a national referendum on implementing its 'July Charter' for state reform, drafted after last year's deadly student-led uprising, Muhammad Yunus, the head of the country's interim government, said on Thursday.

He also reiterated that parliamentary elections would be held in the first half of February and that they would be free and fair.

The interim government approved the July National Charter (Constitution Reform) Implementation Order 2025 on Thursday, and it will be enforced depending on the outcome of the referendum.

"We have decided that the referendum will be held on the same day as the national parliamentary election — meaning, in the first half of February," Nobel laureate Yunus said in a televised address to the nation. "This will not hinder the reform process. Rather, it will make the election more festive and cost-efficient," he said.

The July Charter seeks to reshape the country's politics and institutions and give constitutional recognition to the 2024 uprising that forced Sheikh Hasina, the long-time prime minister, to flee to India.

It includes measures such as increased representation of women, limiting the prime minister's term, strengthening presidential powers, expanding fundamental rights, and ensuring judicial independence.

A majority of political parties had signed the charter in October, but the National Citizens Party (NCP), formed by leaders of last year's movement and four left-leaning parties, boycotted it.

SILENCING WRITERS

China cracks down on stories about men in love

BEIJING, AP/PTI

For Cindy Zhong, like many young Chinese women, a relaxing night once meant curling up with a steamy story about two men in love. Then her favourite authors — and their tales — started disappearing.

Fans of the popular Danmei same-sex romance genre, written and read mainly by straight women, say the Chinese government is carrying out its largest crackdown yet on the genre, effectively curbing its enjoyment.

In the vast world of fantasy, Danmei is relatively straightforward: two men stand in for idealised relationships, ranging from chaste to erotic. Some scholars believe the stories appeal to Chinese women as a way to sidestep the country's conservative gender values and to imagine relationships on a more equal footing.

"Women turn to Danmei for pure love, especially as they face pressure from families, peers and society to get married and have children," said Aiqing Wang, a senior lecturer at the University of Liverpool who studies Chinese popular culture and internet literature.

The once-niche Chinese literary subculture has seen a boom in recent years, with novels adapted into blockbuster television series and translated into Western languages.

Danmei — also known as "Boys' Love" in English — has also caught the eye of Chinese authorities. At least dozens of writers have been interrogated, arrested and charged with producing and selling obscene materials in China in the past year, according to media reports and witness accounts online.

Some writers have stopped publishing or taken work offline. Websites have shut down or removed many stories, leaving only the tamest behind.

"Chinese female readers can no longer find a safe, uncensored space to place our desires," said Zhong, an educator in her 30s.

Indigenous people take part in a protest against fossil fuels during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30) in Belem, Brazil, on Thursday. REUTERS

Andhra sets $1 trillion investment target as stage set for Partnership Summit

Over 300 delegates from 45 countries are participating in the event

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Visakhapatnam, also known as Vizag and called the jewel of the east coast, is all decked up to host the TDP-led NDA government 2.0's first partnership summit. Delegates from India and abroad are expected to participate in the event scheduled from November 14 to 15.

With Andhra Pradesh setting its sights on attracting $1 trillion in investments over the coming years, the 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025—jointly organised by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)—is expected to serve as a crucial platform.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is personally overseeing arrangements camping in Visakhapatnam to ensure the summit's success.

The two-day summit will feature 48 sessions, including a plenary session, 27 technical discussions, and 11 state-specific forums. More than 300 delegates from 45 countries, including representatives from G20 member nations and 12 international organisations, are expected to participate.

According to government sources, the summit will formalise 410 investment agreements worth $120 billion, generating approximately 750,000 employment opportunities. Additionally, groundbreaking ceremonies for projects valued at Rs 2.7 lakh crore will be conducted.

State IT Minister Nara Lokesh emphasised Andhra Pradesh's ambitious goal of attracting $1 trillion in global and domestic investments. He noted that the state has already attracted $120 billion in investments over the past 16 months.

"These are not symbolic MoUs. They represent real, on-ground projects that are creating employment and transforming regional economies," said Lokesh. "Healthy competition among Indian states fuels national progress. Our Chief Minister's vision is to attract $1 trillion in investments and position Andhra Pradesh as a global hub for sustainable industrial development. We are advancing this vision through a cluster-based growth model to ensure balanced, inclusive progress," said Lokesh.

Preparations have been completed to host the prestigious event at the Andhra University Engineering College grounds in Visakhapatnam. The summit's theme is "Partners in Progress – India's Roadmap to Viksit Bharat 2047." Over 100 foreign delegates are expected to participate.

In the run-up to and during the summit, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will hold meetings with representatives of various companies, explaining investment opportunities across different sectors and regions of the state.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu meets foreign delegates during the India-Europe Business Roundtable ahead of the CII Partnership Summit, in Visakhapatnam on Thursday. PTI

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- On Friday, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan will inaugurate the 30th CII Partnership Summit
- AP government will sign an agreement with Singapore to launch direct flight services between Singapore and Vijayawada
- Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate the World Economic Forum's Centre for Frontier Technologies, followed by the foundation stone-laying ceremony for a Google project.
- Andhra Pradesh expects to attract investments worth up to Rs 10 lakh crore
- To promote the event, Naidu conducted roadshows in Singapore, the UAE, and the UK

ReNew Energy to invest Rs 60k crore in Andhra

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Decarbonisation solutions company, ReNew Energy Global Plc on Thursday announced that it will invest Rs 60,000 crore (US $6.7 billion) in Andhra Pradesh to set up multiple green energy projects in the state, taking its total fresh investment in the state to Rs 82,000 crore ($9.3 billion).

The company has already committed Rs 22,000 crore to the state in May 2025 to set up one of India's largest hybrid renewable energy projects in Andhra Pradesh.

In four separate MoUs signed on Thursday with the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board in the presence of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and IT minister Nara Lokesh ReNew announced plans to invest in establishing a 6 GW PV ingot-wafer plant, a 2 GW pumped hydro project, a 300 KTPA green ammonia facility and 5 GW of hybrid projects, including wind–solar and solar–BESS initiatives, in the state.

"We have signed MoUs today amounting to Rs 82,000 crore with the state of Andhra Pradesh. The funds are expected to be deployed over four to five years, subject to necessary government approvals and procedures," ReNew founder chairman and CEO, Sumant Sinha told *DH*.

He said the ingot wafer plant is likely to come up near Vizag, green hydrogen plants will be at a port and the location is still under discussion, and pump storage projects are in two specific locations. The clean energy projects will mainly be in the Rayalaseema area.

Sharing his thoughts on the development, the chief minister N Chandrababu Nadu said, that Andhra Pradesh is committed to emerging as a national leader in renewable energy, and partners like ReNew play a crucial role in advancing this vision.

ReNew already has an operating portfolio of 717 MW of operational wind capacity and 60 MW of solar capacity spread over 10 sites in Andhra Pradesh.

India to remain fastest growing economy: Moody's

GDP growth seen at 7% in 2025; no major impact of tariffs

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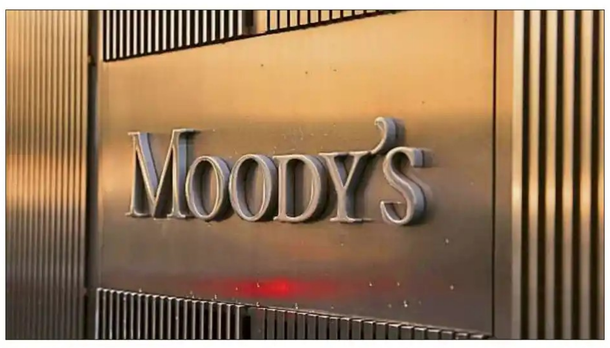
India is expected to remain the fastest growing economy among the G20 nations with real GDP growth of 7% in the current year, followed by 6.4% in 2026 and 6.5% in 2027, on the back of robust government spending, export diversification and strong consumer demands, Moody's Ratings has said.

In its latest Global Macro Outlook report, the rating agency said that the steep 50% tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump administration is unlikely to have any major impact on the Indian economy as most exporters appear to have successfully diversified their markets.

"Indian exporters, facing 50% US tariffs on some products, have succeeded in redirecting exports, its overall exports climbed 6.75% in September even as shipments to the US dropped 11.9%," the report noted.

The high US tariffs, which include 25% reciprocal duties and additional 25% punitive tariff for India's economic engagement with Russia, came into effect from August 27.

While strong consumption demands and infrastructure investments remain the key drivers of India's economic growth, the rating agency underlined the sluggish capital spending by the private sector. It noted that India Inc remains cautious about large expansions despite strong macro indicators.



"We expect its (India's) economy to continue to grow around 6.5% in 2026 and 2027, supported by a neutral-to-easy monetary policy stance amid low inflation. International capital flows because of positive international investor sentiment have buffered external shocks," Moody's Ratings said.

India's economy posted a better-than-expected 7.8% expansion in April-June quarter, as per the latest official data. In the January-March 2025 quarter the gross domestic product (GDP) growth stood at 7.4%.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has pegged India's economic growth for financial year 2025-26 at 6.8%, while the ministry of finance hopes it to remain in the range of 6.3 to 6.8%. Moody's Ratings' 7% growth projection is for the 2025 calendar year.

Global economic growth

On the global economy, Moody's Ratings said trade realignments and geopolitical tensions pose risks to growth momentum.

"Geopolitical tensions, trade disruptions and political instability are amplifying uncertainty. Diverging monetary policies and fragile bond markets, prone to bouts of intense volatility, may exacerbate financial turbulence," it said.

As per the rating agency, the global economy growth is projected to remain in the range of 2.5% to 2.6% during 2026 and 2027. In the current calendar year, the global real GDP growth is projected at 2.6%, which is lower than 2.9% recorded in 2024.

In the next two years, emerging markets are projected to post growth of around 4%, sharply higher than around 1.5% expansion estimated for the advanced economies.

PhonePe to offer ChatGPT to users

BENGALURU, DHNS

Fintech company PhonePe has partnered with global AI company OpenAI to enable its users to explore ChatGPT's features on its platform. The collaboration has the potential to further enhance the user experience on the PhonePe platform by offering smarter and relevant information on everyday needs, from planning their travel to shopping, the fintech firm said on Thursday.

This partnership will make ChatGPT discoverable across PhonePe's consumer app and the PhonePe For Business app, including the Indus Appstore. As the adoption of generative AI increases in the country, this collaboration will help open up potential use cases for users.

Rahul Chari, Founder, Whole-time Director and Chief Technology Officer, PhonePe, said, "At PhonePe, we have spent years building the foundational layers for digital services at a population scale. This strategic alliance demonstrates that collaborations between innovative companies in this space can help expand the reach of cutting-edge technology to the broader population. We are excited to partner with OpenAI to begin this journey."

Oliver Jay, Head of International at OpenAI, said, "Our collaboration with PhonePe is a significant milestone in our mission to make AI more accessible to people throughout India. India is a global hub for innovation, and PhonePe's deep understanding of the country's fabric and its user base make it the ideal partner."

PhonePe digital payments app was launched in 2016, and as of March 31, 2025, the fintech firm has over 61 crore registered users and a digital payments acceptance network spread across over 4.4 crore merchants. PhonePe's products and services include consumer payments (including digital distribution services), merchant payments.

Manipal Group submits bid once again to acquire Byju's

This is the second submission of EOI by MEMG

BENGALURU, DHNS

Dr Ranjan Pai–led Manipal Education and Medical Group India (MEMG India) has formally submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of Think & Learn Pvt Ltd (TLPL), the parent company of Byju's.

According to documents filed with the Resolution Professional (RP), MEMG India has sought to be included in the list of Prospective Resolution Applicants (PRAs) and expressed its intent to examine the company's financial and operational details for the purpose of evaluating a potential resolution plan. This is the second submission of EOI by MEMG.

The submission includes all statutory undertakings required under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016. The company has certified that it meets the eligibility norms for PRAs and is not disqualified under Section 29A of the IBC.

As per the EOI, MEMG has requested access to the Information Memorandum, Virtual Data Room, evaluation matrix, and other CIRP-related information to assess the feasibility of preparing and submitting a resolution plan.

The Resolution Professional will review eligibility, issue a provisional list of PRAs and subsequently a final list, following verification and approval from the Committee of Creditors (CoC).

The insolvency process for Think & Learn Pvt Ltd is currently underway before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), with the RP responsible for inviting and evaluating resolution plans aimed at reviving or restructuring the company.

Manipal Group's EoI gains significance, as a successful resolution of TLPL by Manipal will help in the business consolidation of Aakash, in which Manipal has a majority shareholding.

Recently, the RP of TLPL and Glas Trust Co. (Creditor of TLPL with 99% voting share in CoC) had opposed the Rights Issue in Aakash by contending that TLPL, a 25% shareholder in Aakash, being in CIRP does not have the funds to participate in the Rights Issue, which submission was rejected by NCLT, NCLAT and the Supreme Court.

After the Courts refused to stop the Rights Issue, TLPL has now deposited Rs 25 crore with Aakash to subscribe for the shares proportionate to its shareholding in the Rights Issue.

DERISKING STRATEGY

Indian firms setting up units in UAE to mitigate US tariff impact

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Increasingly higher numbers of Indian companies are opting to set up units in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to use it as a strategic hub to mitigate the impact of high US tariffs and benefit from the lower tax regime in the Gulf nation.

Around 45% of the total of 6,500 companies registered at the Ajman NuVentures Centre Free Zone (ANCFZ) in the last one year are Indians, a top executive said.

"A lot of Indians are opening manufacturing in the UAE," Ajman NuVentures Centre Free Zone CEO Rishi Somaiya told *DH*.

He said some companies, which are fully dependent on US exports for their businesses, have shifted their base to the UAE. "One of my friends has started a factory in the UAE, where they do 70% value addition, the 30% is done in India," he said.

US President Donald Trump's administration has imposed a 50% tariff on imports of most goods from India, while the tariff on the UAE is 10%.

Rishi Somaiya, CEO, ANCFZ

Somaiya said the Indian companies can use the UAE as a gateway for expanding to Europe, Africa and the other Gulf countries.

He said the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the two countries, which came into effect from May 2022, has made it easier for the Indian companies to set up units in the Gulf Emirate.

"The UAE government helps Indian entrepreneurs in every possible way. The CEPA has made things much easier," Somaiya said.

He said Ajman NuVentures Centre Free Zone, which is strategically located near Dubai, targets to increase the number of registered companies to 10,000 by next year. "At present, around 45% of the total companies are Indian. I hope this proportion will continue. So we will have around 4,500 Indian companies," Somaiya, who is part of a delegation to India to promote the free zone, told *DH* in an interview.

He claimed that Ajman NuVentures Centre Free Zone (ANCFZ) offers a full range of business setup services, including rapid license issuance, visa processing, and comprehensive legal and administrative support.

IN BRIEF

Hero MotoCorp Q2 net profit up 23%

NEW DELHI, PTI: Hero MotoCorp on Thursday reported a 23% rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,309 crore in the second quarter ended September 30, aided by sales growth.

The two-wheeler major posted a net profit of Rs 1,064 crore in the same period of the last fiscal.

Revenue from operations rose to Rs 12,218 crore in the second quarter against Rs 10,483 crore in the corresponding period of 2024-25.

The company said its sales volume stood at 16.91 lakh units in the second quarter, as compared with 15.2 lakh units in the year-ago period.

The two-wheeler maker said its board has approved an additional investment of up to Rs 170 crore towards setting up the Global Parts Center 2.0 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

The commercial operations at GPC 2.0 are expected to commence during FY 2027-28, it added.

Gold surges Rs 3,000 to Rs 1.30 lakh/10g

NEW DELHI, PTI: Gold prices surged Rs 3,000 to Rs 1,30,900 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday tracking firm global cues and weak dollar, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

Traders said the end of US government's shutdown also supported the appeal of the safe-haven asset.

The precious metal of 99.5% purity extended its gains for the third straight day, jumping Rs 3,000 to Rs 1,30,300 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) from Wednesday's closing of Rs 1,27,300 per 10 grams.

In the local bullion market, gold of 99.9% purity had closed at Rs 1,27,900 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

Silver prices skyrocketed Rs 7,700 to Rs 1,69,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) on Thursday. The white metal had settled at Rs 1,61,300 per kg, up Rs 5,540 on Wednesday.

Rupee falls 8 paise to close at 88.70 against US dollar

MUMBAI, PTI: The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled for the day lower by 8 paise at 88.70 against the US dollar on Thursday, as foreign fund outflows and continuous dollar demand from local importers, including oil companies, exerted pressure on the local currency.

Forex traders said rupee is trading in a tight range, as overnight decline in crude oil prices and renewed optimism over US-India trade talks providing a steady anchor and restricted the downfall.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 88.66 against the US dollar and touched an intra-day high of 88.63 and a low of 88.73 during the day.

The domestic unit finally settled for the day at 88.70, registering a loss of 8 paise from its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee depreciated 12 paise to close at 88.62 against the US dollar.

Tata Motors Q2 net loss at Rs 867 cr

NEW DELHI, PTI: Tata Motors, which now houses the company's commercial vehicle business, on Thursday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 867 crore in the September quarter, impacted by mark-to-market losses of Rs 2,026 crore on account of investment in Tata Capital.

The newly listed firm reported a net profit of Rs 498 crore during the July-September quarter of the last fiscal.

Total revenue from operations stood at Rs 18,585 crore compared to Rs 17,535 crore in the year-ago period, the newly listed firm said in a regulatory filing.

Profit before tax rose to Rs 1,694 crore in the second quarter as against Rs 1,225 crore in the year-ago period, it added.

The company said the proposed acquisition of IVECO, announced on July 30, 2025, is progressing as planned, with regulatory approvals underway and acquisition is expected to be completed in April next year.

The company's topline is expected to rise to $24-25 billion with the completion of the acquisition.

"Our financial results underscore a resilient performance, driven by a sound and agile business strategy. After a subdued start, the rollout of GST 2.0 and the onset of the festive season catalysed a surge in demand across segments," Tata Motors Managing Director & CEO Girish Wagh said.

The company recorded a 12% year-on-year volume growth, led by enhanced product availability, a refined pricing strategy, and intensified market activations, he added.

Looking ahead, with the festive season underway, improving consumption, and the full impact of GST reforms yet to unfold, the company said it anticipates a strong second half for FY26.

Construction, infrastructure, and mining activities will gain momentum, further fueling demand for trucks and tippers, it added.

Tata Motors successfully completed the demerger of its commercial vehicle businesses, making the scheme effective October 1, 2025.

The commercial vehicles business has been renamed as Tata Motors Ltd and is listed on BSE and NSE on November 12, 2025.

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Birla Estates sponsors of GT

▸ Gujarat Titans on Thursday named Birla Estates, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aditya Birla Real Estate Limited (ABREL), as the team's principal sponsor for the 2026 Indian Premier League, reports PTI from Ahmedabad.

Birla Estates replaced fantasy gaming platform Dream11, which has massively curtailed its operations after a central government act led to a blanket ban on real money gaming in August this year.

Watson joins KKR

▸ Kolkata Knight Riders on Thursday named former Australian all-rounder Shane Watson as their assistant coach for the upcoming IPL 2026, reports PTI from Kolkata.

"I am eager to work closely with the coaching group and players to help bring another title to Kolkata," Watson said in a press release.

LSG trade Thakur to MI

▸ Lucknow Super Giants all-rounder Shardul Thakur was on Thursday traded to Mumbai Indians for Rs two crore ahead of the 2026 Indian Premier League, reports PTI from New Delhi.

Thakur has played 105 IPL matches, scoring 325 runs and taking 107 wickets.

Last year, LSG used his services as a replacement player for the injured Mohsin Khan. He has played for multiple IPL teams including CSK, Delhi Capitals and Punjab Kings.

GT's Rutherford moves to MI

▸ Gujarat Titans on Thursday traded West Indies all-rounder Sherfane Rutherford to Mumbai Indians (MI) for Rs 2.6 crore ahead of IPL 2026, reports PTI from New Delhi.

The 27-year-old has featured in 44 T20Is for the West Indies and holds the record for the highest sixth-wicket partnership in T20Is, having stitched together a 139-run stand with Andre Russell against Australia in Perth.

AIFF calls SGM on Nov 24

NEW DELHI, PTI: All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Thursday convened a Special General Body Meeting (SGM) on November 24 to vote for a clause of its constitution which prohibited its office bearers from holding dual posts in the national body and state units.

The Supreme Court, in its order dated Oct 15, had asked the AIFF to adopt within three weeks Article 25.3 (c) and (d), which prohibit executive committee members of the national body to hold office in a state association.

The apex court had, however, in an October 15 order permitted the current executive committee of the AIFF, led by Kalyan Chaubey, to continue till the end of its term in September next year.

One of the agenda items of the SGM states: "Vote on adoption of Articles 25.3 (c) and 25.3 (d) of the AFIF Constitution by circulation, pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India".

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CRICKET

1st Test: India vs South Africa (day 1, 9:30 am). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

Asia Cup Rising Stars: Pakistan A vs Oman (12 pm). **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

TENNIS

ATP Finals: Doubles round robin (4 pm), Singles round robin (6:30 pm). **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Ten 2.**

BADMINTON

Japan Open: Quarterfinal (6:30 am). **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

Reigning World Test Championship winners South Africa are buzzing with confidence

India have a fight on their hands

MADHU JAWALI
KOLKATA, DHNS

Eden Gardens hosts its first Test after an unusually long gap of six years since India played Bangladesh in November 2019 in what was the first pink-ball match in the country. The last red-ball Test, in fact, was held here in November 2017 when Sri Lanka, riding loads of luck (rain) and some pluck, managed to draw the match in fading light.

From Thursday, the iconic venue plays host to South Africa in the first of the two Tests, and given India's stunning 0-3 loss to New Zealand last year and the Proteas' proven spin resources, this won't be another run-of-the-mill contest in this part of the world. Temba Bavuma and Co arrive in the eastern metropolis as the newest World Test Championship winners after dethroning favourites Australia at Lord's in June this year.

When South Africa paid a visit to India in 2000 after winning their only other ICC silverware -- maiden ICC Knockout trophy (now referred to as the Champions Trophy) in 1998 -- they posted their first and only Test series win in India 2-0 post which Sachin Tendulkar resigned as the captain for the second and final time. Soon after, Mohammed Azharuddin's otherwise glorious career ended in disgrace following the revelation of match-fixing scandal as did late South Africa skipper Hansie Cronje's.

Man to man, the Cronje-led team -- which also boasted in its ranks Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher among others -- was a far superior outfit compared to the current one. Against a solid home team, the inspired visitors cantered to an innings and 71-run win with left-arm spinner Nicky Boje playing a decisive role (10 wickets for the match and 85 runs).

What is in store for Bavuma and Co will unfold in the next few days, but there's a quiet sense of confidence within their change room. More than the cloak of WTC winners, their belief emanates from their performance in Pakistan where they drew their two-Test series after losing the first with their left-arm spinners Keshav Maharaj and Senuran Muthusamy and off-spinner Simon Harmer playing a stellar role, bagging 34 of the 40 wickets across two games. While that in itself is self-assuring as a team, both Harmer and Muthusamy displayed in no small measure their batting prowess lower down the order while Maharaj's ability with the bat is no trade secret.

The Shubman Gill-helmed side has a nice blend of wise heads and a young talent that's fearsome in its full flow, but the unexpected loss to the Kiwis would be playing at the back of their mind for, South Africa have personnel to perform each task the conditions may demand. If the pitch offers assistance to spinners, they have the base covered. If the nippy weather in the morning and the breeze in the evening require quality seam bowling, they have it in abundance.

Perhaps, for the first time in a long time, India would be apprehensive about the kind of surface they want to roll out for a visiting side. And in a bid to tackle this unique challenge, they would look for the right balance in both departments, and the rich source of spin all-rounders helps them in this cause.

While they can't look beyond Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj for pace bowling duties, Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar would be their first spin options for what they bring to the table. There's going to be a toss-up between Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav for the third spinner's slot but with Axar being in Jadeja's mould, Kuldeep, with his wrist-spin, should get the nod.

With Nitish Reddy already released from the squad, Rishabh Pant will take his rightful place with Dhruv Jurel set to play as a specialist batter.

Teams (from): INDIA: Shubman Gill (capt), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Devdutt Padikkal, Rishabh Pant (wk), Dhruv Jurel (wk), Ravinda Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Akash Deep, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj.

SOUTH AFRICA: Temba Bavuma (capt), Aiden Markram, Ryan Rickelton, Tony de Zorzi, Tristan Stubbs, Dewald Brevis, Kyle Verreynne (wk), Zubayr Hamza, Keshav Maharaj, Marco Jansen, Kagiso Rabada, Simon Harmer, Wiaan Moulder, Senuran Muthusamy, Corbin Bosch.

(From left) India's captain Shubman Gill, head coach Gautam Gambhir, vice-captain Rishabh Pant and batting coach Shitanshu Kotak check the pitch at the Eden Gardens on the eve of the opening Test against South Africa. PTI

The BIG BATTLE

India vs South Africa in Tests

	Mats	Ind	Drawn	SA
Overall	44	16	10	18
Before 2012	27	7	8	12
Since 2012	17	9	2	6
In India	19	11	3	5
In India since 2015	7	6	1	0

India v South Africa in last 5 Test series

Year	Host	Result
2015	Ind	**India won** 3-0 (4 Tests)
2018	SA	**South Africa won** 2-1
2019	Ind	**India won** 3-0
2021/2	SA	**SA won** 2-1
2023/4	SA	**Drawn** 1-1

South Africa's results in recent Test series in Asia

Year	Vs	Result
2024	Ban	Won 2-0
2025	Pak	Drawn 1-1

India's record in Tests at Eden Gardens, Kolkata

Period	Mats	Won	Drawn	Lost
1934-1963	10	1	7	2
1964-2000	20	4	10	6
From 2001	12	8	3	1

Results in Tests in 2025

India		SA
8	Mats	6
4	Won	5
1	Drawn	0
3	Lost	1

CAPTAINCY RECORD IN TESTS

Shubman Gill
4 Won · 1 Drawn · 2 Lost
(Coin Tosses won: 1 in 7 matches)

Temba Bavuma
9 Won · 1 Drawn · 0 Lost
(Coin Tosses won: 9 in 10 mtchs)

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Schedule mentally, physically challenging: Gill

MADHU JAWALI
KOLKATA, DHNS

Shubman Gill's workload has been a hot topic of discussion in recent weeks. The right-hander, who plays all three formats, has been playing non-stop cricket since the Asia Cup, and what adds to his grind is the fact that he is also the captain of Test and ODI teams while he would be the natural successor to Suryakumar Yadav in the T20 format after being installed his deputy.

Gill acknowledged it's been a tough schedule and he is still figuring out things to manage his workload wherein he has to adapt to not just to different formats, but different time zones with little turnaround time.

"In a 4-5 day turnaround, coming from a different country, to play in a different format is not that easy," the 26-year-old conceded. "It is mentally challenging. There is a time difference in Australia, in getting used to the body (cycle). And then there are different challenges here. When you play Test cricket in India, as compared to when you play white ball in Australia. So definitely it is mentally and physically challenging. But I think as a professional cricketer, you know that all these challenges will be thrown at you and how you tackle them defines your greatness."

Gill continued: "I would say I am still trying to figure it out: How to manage it. I think the workload, starting from the Asia Cup, we have been playing back to back, travelling to different countries, switching between formats within 4-5 days. So I am also trying to figure out what gives me the best chance to be able to perform and succeed in all those formats that I am going to play. But the challenge is I think definitely more mental than it is physical. Bodily I feel fine, there is a little bit of jet lag when you are coming from Australia. But apart from that, physically I feel completely fine. Yes mentally it can be challenging at times because the requirements for different formats in different places of the world are different. So I think it's a good challenge and a good learning curve for me."

Talking about the South Africa challenge, Gill said this Test series going to be a challenging one given the Proteas' well-rounded side.

"I think these two Test matches are very important for us to play the WTC finals and South Africa is a very good team," Gill noted. "They are the reigning champions of the World Test Championship. So we know that it won't be easy for us. There will be difficult moments, but as a team we have shown that whenever there are difficult moments, we have handled them very well."

India's captain Shubman Gill feels how well one handles the gruelling cricketing schedule will define his greatness. PTI

Bavuma looking forward to the Indian challenge

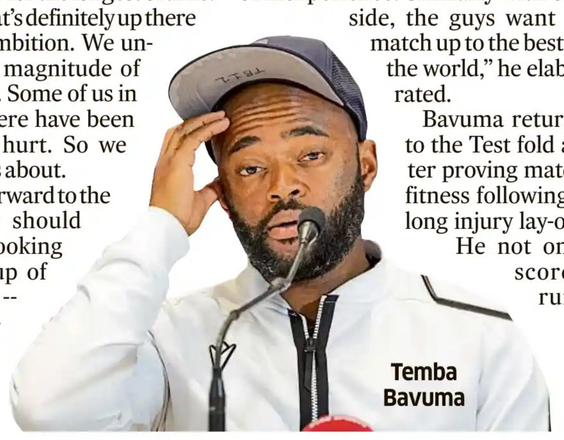
MADHU JAWALI
KOLKATA, DHNS

Temba Bavuma termed winning the Test series, starting here from Wednesday, in India would be second only to their World Test Championship triumph which dethroned Australia in June this year.

"I think, obviously, winning the World Test Championship... Not much to trump that. But second to that, I think will be winning in India," the Proteas' skipper said on the eve of first Test at Eden Gardens on Thursday.

"It's something that's I wouldn't even say it's eluded us, but we haven't been able to do for the longest of time. So, I mean, that's definitely up there in terms of ambition. We understand the magnitude of the challenge. Some of us in the group, there have been moments of hurt. So we know what it's about.

"We look forward to the challenge. It should be exciting looking at the makeup of both teams -- fantastic players within the Indian team, but a little bit of inexperience. Similarly with our side, the guys want to match up to the best in the world," he elaborated.



Temba Bavuma

Bavuma returns to the Test fold after proving match fitness following a long injury lay-off. He not only scored runs but batted time as well in the second four-day match against India A, in Bengaluru.

"For me, the biggest thing was having come off a long lay-off of Test cricket, getting back on the field, proving my fitness to myself and everyone around, spending some time at the crease. I think that was important," he said.

Bavuma was also happy for the experience of playing Kuldeep Yadav for the first time in the four-day match, said India's left-arm wrist spinner will be a handful.

"I'd rather face him in the A game than here in Kolkata -- that's if he plays. He's not a massive turner of the ball, but he can obviously deceive you off the wicket. You can see why India have a lot of faith in him. Definitely a guy who's a wicket-taker."

South Africa, Bavuma felt, also had extra motivation for the series, with no Boxing Day Test scheduled this year.

"This Test series becomes our festive season," he said. "It's sad for us as players and fans, but we'll try and make the most of it. We'd love to play more Tests against India, England and Australia... Maybe not just two, maybe three... Back home, there's been a major shift in mindset towards the Proteas. I think there's a lot more appreciation now," he said.

Gaikwad guides India A to a 4-wkt win over South Africa A

RAJKOT, PTI: Ruturaj Gaikwad **(in pic)** made a fine 117 off 129 balls as India A comfortably chased down 286 to register a four-wicket win against South Africa A in the first unofficial ODI here on Thursday.

Out of the Indian team from both ODI and T20 format, Gaikwad anchored the run chase with his solid effort. South Africa A had done remarkably well to post 285/9 after losing half their side for 53 in the 12th over.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, who is trying to establish himself in the ODI setup, got rid of openers Rubin Hermann and Rivaldo Moonsamy to give India A a perfect start.

Prasidh Krishna removed South Africa A captain Marques Ackerman to cause more pain to the opposition.

However, the lower-order put up a brave fight for South Africa A with Dian Forrester (77), Delano Potgieter (90) and Bjorn Fortuin (59) producing much needed rearguard action.

Brief scores: South Africa A: 285/9 in 50 overs (Dian Forrester 77, Delano Potgieter 90, Bjorn Fortuin 59; Arshdeep Singh 2-59, Harshit Rana 2-49) lt to India A: 290/6 in 49.3 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 117, Abhishek Sharma 31, Tilak Varma 39, Nitish Kumar Reddy 37, Nishant Sindhu 29 n.o.; Tiaan van Vuuren 2-64, Bjorn Fortuin 2-50, Ottneil Baartman 2-51). **Result:** Ind A won by 4 wkts. **PoM:** Ruturaj Gaikwad.

Thrilling clashes on day 4

BENGALURU, DHNS

The KNS Queens Premier League (QPL) Season 2 continued its electrifying run on Day 4, featuring a series of gripping encounters that showcased the growing strength, strategy, and sportsmanship of women's cricket across Karnataka.

From powerful batting displays to tight finishes, the day was filled with edge-of-the-seat moments for players and fans alike.

The day began with a fiercely contested game between Hubli Queens and Shivamogga Queens. Despite home advantage, Shivamogga struggled to contain Hubli's batting depth, as Hubli Queens emerged victorious with a steady all-round performance.

Actresses Saptami Gowda (left) and Shanvi Srivastava at KNS Queens Premier League Season 2 on Thursday.

In another exciting match, Chitradurga Queens registered a well-earned win over Mangaluru Queens, thanks to their disciplined bowling attack that effectively curbed Mangaluru's chase.

Momentum stayed with Hubli Queens as they took on Kolar Queens in a crucial second face-off. Hubli displayed commanding form yet again, securing their second win of the day and cementing their place as one of the tournament's top contenders.

The Mysuru Queens had a spirited performance against Bellary Queens, winning with sharp fielding and smart partnerships. However, Bengaluru Queens defeated Mysuru Queens by 6 runs.

Lankans agree to stay in Pakistan despite bomb blast

COLOMBO, AFP: Sri Lanka's cricket board said Thursday that its players will remain in Pakistan to complete a one-day international series and a subsequent T20 tri-series, with all games to be played in Rawalpindi.

At least eight players had asked to leave over security fears after Tuesday's suicide bombing in Islamabad that killed 12 people and wounded 27.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) said the decision to stay for next week's tri-series, which also includes Zimbabwe, was taken after "close consultations" with hosts Pakistan who had given security assurances.

Sri Lanka Cricket had threatened disciplinary action against any players who tried to leave Pakistan.

"We lined up substitute players to be sent to continue with the tournament, but now that the squad has agreed to stay, we won't be sending anyone," an SLC official told AFP.

All tri-series fixtures will now be played in Rawalpindi, which neighbours Islamabad, but has heavy security. Originally four of the six round-robin matches and the final had been scheduled to take place in Lahore.

Army protection for Lankans

Pakistan has deployed army and paramilitary forces to protect Sri Lanka's cricket team after a deadly suicide bombing in Islamabad raised security concerns during their ongoing tour, the interior minister said on Thursday.

Pakistan's Army Chief Asim Munir had assured Sri Lankan Defence Minister Pramitha Bandara Tennakoon of the team's safety, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi told parliament.

After initially contemplating leaving Pakistan following a suicide bombing, Sri Lanka cricketers have agreed to stay there for a tri-series involving Zimbabwe. AFP

Pacer Duffy slays West Indies as New Zealand seal series in style

Jacob Duffy

DUNEDIN (NZ), AFP: Jacob Duffy took 4-35 as New Zealand romped to a crushing eight-wicket win in the fifth T20 international against the West Indies on Thursday to seal a 3-1 series victory.

Seamer Duffy removed three batsmen with the new ball as the West Indies collapsed to 21-4 at Dunedin's University Oval before recovering from 48-5 to be all out for 140 in 18.4 overs.

New Zealand made short work of the chase, coasting to 141-2 from 15.4 overs, with opener Devon Conway top scoring with 47 not out including four fours and a six.

After some close, exciting earlier matches, the West Indies' aggressive batting in an attempt to level the series proved too haphazard in seamer-friendly conditions.

Roston Chase top scored with 38 while Romario Shepherd struck a lively 36 off 22 balls in the lower order.

Duffy was named Player of the Series after taking 10 wickets at an average 12.10.

Brief scores: West Indies: 140 all out in 18.4 overs (Roston Chase 38, Romario Shepherd 36; Jacob Duffy 4-35, James Neesham 2-31) lt to New Zealand: 141/2 in 15.4 overs (Tim Robinson 45, Devon Conway 47) by 8 wkts. **Series:** New Zealand win 5-match series 3-1. **PoM:** Jacob Duffy. **PoS:** Jacob Duffy.

Francis Xavier A (centre) scores South United FC's opening goal during their 7-1 win over United Stars FC in their KSFA Super Division League Championship at the BFS in Bengaluru. DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

South United FC score big win

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a tussle for a top-five finish, South United FC further strengthened those chances by scoring a comfortable 7-1 victory over United Stars FC in their 16th game of the KSFA Super Division League Championships at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Thursday.

Following an opening goal by Francis Xavier A in the 12th minute, Mustafa Shaikh (57th, 89th) and Makak Mayum Daniyal (84th, 90+2nd) scored a brace each in the second-half for the winners. In between, Shoguhou (40th) and B Abhiram (65th) added their names in the scoresheet with one goal apiece for SUFC while Emmanual Adolf's 21st minute goal was the only consolation for United Stars FC.

The win took SUFC's tally to 28 points on the table and have two games remaining to stay close to the five teams ahead of them.

Results: HAL FC: 0 drew with FC Agniputhra: 0; South United FC: 7 (Francis Xavier A 12th, Shoguhou 40th, Mustafa Shaikh 57th, 89th, B Abhiram 65th, Makak Mayum Daniyal 84th, 90+2nd) bt United Stars FC: 1 (Emmanual Adolf 21st); Kodagu FC: 5 (Aditya Kumar 29th, Lalkrawsmawia 57th, 68th, Muhammed Unias M 80th, 81st) bt Parikrma FC: 1 (Johnson P 75th).

All-round Dhruv steals the show

BENGALURU, DHNS: Dhruv Prabhakar produced an all-round show while Aneeshwar Gautam, Jasper EJ and Harshil Dharmani smashed half-centuries as Karnataka registered a 63-run victory over Uttar Pradesh in the Men's U-23 State A Trophy (Elite) at the Dr Soni Stadium in Jaipur on Thursday.

With the toss falling Aneeshwar's way, Karnataka, riding on Dhruv (104), Aneeshwar (75), Harshil (67) and Jasper (57) posted a massive 363 for the loss of five wickets in 50 overs.

Brief scores: Karnataka: 363/5 in 50 overs (Jasper EJ: 57, Dhruv Prabhakar 104, Aneeshwar Gautam 75, Harshil Dharmani 67; Mridul P Surroch 2-54) bt Uttar Pradesh: 300 all out in 45.3 overs (Atul A Jaswal 86, Naman S Verma 26, Mridul P Surroch 50, Amanpreet V Singh 70; Hardik Raj 3-35, Manvanth Kumar L 3-54, Dhruv Prabhakar 2-38).

England's iconic Wembley to host Euro 2028 final

LONDON, AFP: England will play their first match of Euro 2028 at Manchester City's Etihad Stadium if they qualify directly, with fellow co-hosts the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales set to play all their group games at home, it was announced during Wednesday's tournament launch in London.

The launch, which included an unveiling of the match schedule, saw some speakers struggle to be heard as a small but noisy pro-Palestine protest took place directly outside the event, with demonstrators chanting against Israel's continued membership of UEFA, the governing body of European football.

Organisers announced England would open their campaign at the Etihad before playing their final two group games at London's Wembley Stadium if they qualify directly.

England would play at Newcastle's St James' Park if they won Group B, before returning to Wembley for the rest of the tournament.

TENNIS BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

India stare at an uphill climb

Ankita and Company look to channel the Women's World Cup triumph

ADITYA K HALDER
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Indian team comprising (from left) Sahaja Yamalapalli, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, Ankita Raina, Vishal Uppal (captain), Riya Bhatia and Prarthana Thombare are all smiles ahead of the Billie Jean King Cup playoffs at the SM Krishna Tennis Stadium on Thursday. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

Top-tier sporting action returns to Bengaluru as the country's best women tennis players assemble for the playoffs of what is often called the 'World Cup of tennis', the Billie Jean King Cup (BJKC).

For India, the occasion carries added significance. This is the first time they are hosting the three-team group stage, with the Netherlands and Slovenia arriving to vie for the lone qualifying spot available for next year's qualifiers.

History, however, favours the two seasoned European sides. Two-time finalists Netherlands, led by their top-ranked player Suzan Lamens (world No. 87), are the clear favourites to dominate the group, beginning with their clash against Slovenia on Friday before facing the hosts on Saturday.

That leaves India as heavy underdogs, with none of their players ranked inside the top 300 in singles. Competing in the playoffs only for the second time, the hosts will rely on home advantage and a surge of national sporting optimism, inspired by the Indian women's cricket team's recent World Cup success.

"I think it's the best time to have this (BJKC) because women's sports is booming in the country as we have won the women's cricket World Cup," said doubles specialist Prarthana Thombare.

"We are expecting people to come out in large numbers and make the atmosphere very lively. We are all pumped and truly high on confidence."

Prarthana, along with India's most experienced campaigner Ankita Raina (former world No. 160), will shoulder much of the responsibility if India are to spring a surprise.

The duo share over 90 BJKC appearances between them and are expected to form the doubles pairing should the tie go to a decider after the two singles rubbers.

"My best results have come when I play for the country," said Ankita, who has 34 BJKC wins to her name.

"I think when you are playing for the country, you feel equal to your opponents in an event like this."

To challenge a side of the Netherlands' calibre, India will have to get their tactics spot on and captain Vishal Uppal has already taken a strategic call. The non-playing skipper chose hard courts for the event, banking on conditions that favour his players, while the Dutch, more comfortable on clay, may find the surface less to their liking.

"Clay is not the surface for us as we don't have anyone play on that," Uppal told *DH*.

"Hard court is what our players are most comfortable on and that's why we are here. Team competitions are all about upset and that's what we are here to do."

Group G Schedule: Nov 14: Netherlands vs Slovenia; **Nov 15:** India vs Slovenia; **Nov 16:** India vs Netherlands (All ties are from 3 pm IST onwards).

Squads: India: Sahaja Yamalapalli, Ankita Raina, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, Riya Bhatia, Prarthana Thombare; non-playing captain: Vishal Uppal.

Netherlands: Suzan Lamens, Arantxa Rus, Anouk Koevermans, Demi Schuurs, Captain: Elise Tamaela.

Slovenia: Kaja Juvan, Tamara Zidansek, Dalila Jakupovic, Nika Radisic, Captain: Masa Zec Peskiric.

It's tough to beat us: Dutch captain Tamaela

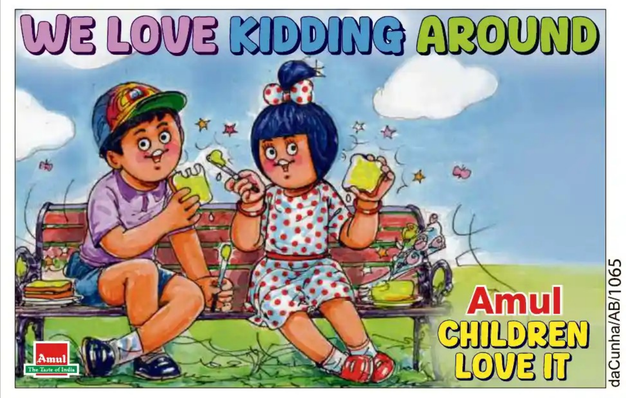
ADITYA K HALDER
BENGALURU, DHNS

Every tournament has a team to beat and at the Billie Jean King Cup Group G playoffs starting on Friday here, a 'super fit' Netherlands are seen as the experts' favourite to take the only spot up for grabs for the next year's qualifiers.

The two-time finalists, who made the qualifiers twice in the last five years, are billed to wrap up the new-format three-day playoffs by the penultimate day as back-to-back victories for them in the best-of-three ties (two singles and a doubles) against Slovenia (Nov 14) and then India (Nov 15) and make the final day group tie inconsequential. Netherlands captain Elise Tamaela has made her intentions clear by stating that they are not an easy side to beat.

"Every match is different but we know we can beat them. We are a good team and team-wise it's tough to beat us," said Tamaela during the press conference.

"These are country ties and anything can happen, we can beat higher-ranked players and can lose to lower-ranked players as well. That's why preparation becomes important and we have done that well. Our focus is on bringing out our best tomorrow (Friday against Slovenia)."



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Anupama on top of the world

Becomes first Indian woman to win IBSF World Snooker title

BENGALURU, DHNS

Anupama Ramachandran. X

In a match of oscillating fortunes till the very last black, India's Anupama Ramachandran held her nerve under pressure to clinch the World Snooker title in Doha on Thursday.

The 23-year-old Chennai girl edged out Hong Kong China's Ng On Yee 3-2 to become the first Indian woman to annex the IBSF World Snooker (15-red) crown.

Anupama, who won the Asian snooker title last year, got lucky towards the end when On Yee, a three-time champion, missed the final black -- a regulation pot she would have potted on any other day with her eyes closed – with the score 60-61 in the decider.

Not looking a gift horse in the mouth, Anupama took a trifle longer than usual and sank the tough black to the bottom left-hand pocket to lay her hands on the title.

The Indian ace, who ousted compatriot Keerthana Pandian 3-1 in the semifinals late on Wednesday evening, staged a spirited rally twice in the best-of-five frame final. She drew parity after losing the first frame. Down 1-2 in the fourth, Anupama came up with a gritty 29 break under pressure to level frame scores.

In the decider, the Indian ace was more adventurous of the two, and gave her rival a few opportunities. She potted a long red to the top right-hand pocket and snookered herself thrice. But On Yee failed to capitalise on the offering. Also, the Hong Kong China cueist was struggling with her safety.

Up 61-42 with just 25 points on the table, the Indian played a poor safety on the green -- which was stuck to the pink near the green cushion – to give her rival a chance to close out the match.

Results: Women: Final: Anupama Ramachandran (Ind) bt Ng On Yee (HKC) 3-2 (51-74, 65-41, 10-71, 78-20, 68-60).

Men: Semis: Michal Szubarczyk (Pol) bt Nicolas Mortreux (Fra) 5-1; Ali Alobaidli (Qat) bt Harvey Chandler (Eng) 5-2.

Erigaisi, Harikrishna march on

MANISHA MOHITE

India's Arjun Erigaisi ponders a move during his win over Peter Leko of Hungary. FIDE

Arjun Erigaisi and Pentala Harikrishna knocked out Peter Leko and Nils Grandelius in the fourth round tie-break to enter the fifth round of the FIDE World Cup 2025 being played at Resort Rio in Goa.

In the biggest and most sensational upsets of the tournament, hot favourites R Praggnanandhaa and world No. 4 Vincent Keymer were knocked out of the tournament by former World Blitz Champion Daniil Dubov and Andrey Esipenko respectively. This is a big blow for India as Pragg, a finalist at the last edition of the World Cup was a firm favourite this time.

India, with an unprecedented 24 players amongst the 206 in fray at the ongoing FIDE World Cup 2025, have just two players advancing to the pre-quarters or the last 16. Harikrishna, at 39 years, had started as the oldest player in fray but has appeared comfortable in most of his games.

Erigaisi is one of the strong contenders for the title and has paced himself well in the event. Erigaisi will face two-time World Cup winner Levon Aronian in the fifth round while Harikrishna will take on giant-killer GM Jose Martinez Alcantara.

In other important results another Elo2700 plus players, Richard Rapport and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave were shocked by Sam Shankland and Alexey Grebnev respectively.

In a Spanish game, Erigaisi, playing Black, repulsed Leko's early aggression on his King-side after the players had castled on opposite flanks and brought home the point after 40 moves.

After losing the first game, Leko had to win on demand for survival and it reflected in his choice of play -- aggression from the beginning stages itself, opting for the Nimzo Indian defence. Leko steamrolled his pawns on the King-side after castling but Erigaisi castled on the opposite side and in a neat display of positional chess, improved his position with every piece exchange.

En-route Erigaisi grabbed a couple of pawns and Leko threw in the towel on the 57th turn. "I am very happy. The tiebreak went well.

The classical games were pretty intense and I had a slight advantage in the second game but he showed his class to draw. But in tiebreak, I was pretty much in control."

After the first game ended in deadlock, Harikrishna and Nils fought it out in a Scotch game with the Indian positionally better in the middle-game. With precise play Harikrishna enhanced his position and smartly forced the exchange of queens.

An error by Nils and Harikrishna with a neat tactical stroke won a rook and the game on the 34th move.

Round 4 tie-break results (Indians unless mentioned): Arjun Erigaisi bt Peter Leko (HUN) 2-0; Daniil Dubov bt R Praggnanandhaa 1.5-0.5; Pentala Harikrishna bt Nils Grandelius (SWE) 1.5-0.5.

Indian archers enjoy stellar outing

DHAKA, PTI

Jyothi Surekha Vennam

Seasoned campaigner Jyothi Surekha Vennam led from the front as Indian compound archers enjoyed a stellar outing, clinching three golds and two silvers on a productive day at the Asian Championships here on Thursday.

Jyothi secured the women's individual and team titles to cap a perfect day for the 29-year-old.

She first teamed up with Deepshikha, and Prithika Pradeep to registered a thrilling 236–234 victory over Korea in the compound women's team final. The trio delivered near-flawless shooting, producing ends of 59 (10, 10, 10, 10, 9, 10) and 58 (10, 10, 10, 9, 10, 9) to outclass the Korean combination of Park Yerin, Oh Yoohyun, and Jungyoon Park.

The Asian Games champion then claimed the compound women's individual crown with a hard-fought 147–145 win over 17-year-old Prithika in an all-India final.

Jyothi had dropped just one point in her semifinal, comfortably defeating Chinese Taipei's Si-Yu Chen 149–143.

While Prithika, one of the season's brightest prospects, has edged out home favourite Most Kulsum Akhter Mone by a single point (146–145) in a tense semifinal.

Esha, Bhaker in contention for 25m pistol final

CAIRO, PTI: Indian shooters Esha Singh and Manu Bhaker were in strong contention for a place in the final of the women's 25m Pistol event at the ISSF World Championship after the completion of the precision stage here on Thursday. Esha stands fourth while Manu is placed seventh among the lineup of 85 shooters.

Olympian Esha shot 294-11x (98, 97, 99) while double Olympic medallist Manu shot 292-11x (98, 96, 98) to keep herself within striking distance of the leaders. The third Indian in the fray, Rahi Sarnobat, is currently placed 56th with 284-7x (95, 96, 93).

The top eight shooters after the completion of the qualification rounds will advance.

De Minaur outsmarts Fritz

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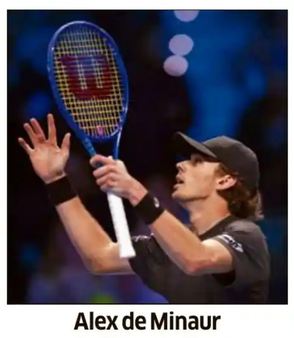

Alex de Minaur

Alex de Minaur claimed a maiden ATP Finals victory that gave the Australian a chance of making the semifinals on Thursday.

De Minaur beat Taylor Fritz 7-6 (3), 6-3 for his first victory in six matches at the season-ending event for the top eight players, following his debut last year.

"I finally won here in Torino," De Minaur said.

The seventh-seeded De Minaur needed a straight sets win to stay in contention for a semifinal spot, which he will secure if Carlos Alcaraz beats Lorenzo Musetti in the late match on Thursday.

A win for Alcaraz would also see the Spaniard seal the year-ending No. 1 ranking.

"Whatever happens, happens," De Minaur added. "But I won't be paying too much attention to the tennis. I'll be relaxing and having a nice night here in Torino."

De Minaur never looked back after dominating the tiebreak and had a chance to seal victory on Fritz's serve when he moved to match point, but the American held. De Minaur kept his nerve on serve to triumph.

Musetti can reach the semifinals if he beats Alcaraz. The sixth-seeded Fritz, who reached the final in Turin last year, was eliminated.

Gauff for United Cup

Coco Gauff and Taylor Fritz will spearhead the United States' title defence at the mixed teams United Cup in Australia, organisers said Thursday, with Iga Swiatek leading Poland's quest for revenge in Sydney.

World No. 3 Gauff and sixth-ranked Fritz edged Poland to win the title at the season-opening ATP-WTA event in January, a key lead-up tournament to the Australian Open.

Sen saunters into quarters, Prannoy shown the exit door

KUMAMOTO (JAPAN), PTI: Star Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen **(in pic)** progressed to the quarterfinals with a straight game win over Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh but it was curtains for HS Prannoy in the men's singles competition of Kumamoto Masters Japan here on Thursday.

A 2021 World Championship bronze winner, Sen, seeded seventh here, prevailed over world No. 20 Teh 21-13, 21-11 in another 39-minute contest.

The world No.15 Sen will clash with former world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore in the quarterfinals.

However, later in the day, Prannoy, 33, went down 18-21, 15-21 to Denmark's Rasmus Gemke in a 46-minute second-round match.

Lakshya opened up an 8-5 lead early in the opening game. Teh managed to briefly take a slender 10-9 lead before the Indian had his nose ahead at the break.

The duo fought hard till 14-13 when Lakshya zoomed ahead with seven straight points. After the change of ends, it was a more dominating show from the Indian as he jumped to 5-0 and then 11-3 at the interval to quash his rival's hopes. Lakshya stayed steady to comfortably close out the match.

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an open letter to every adult who says "kids these days. . ."

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"They don't respect elders."
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"They can't focus on anything for long."
Maybe because we demand they excel at *everything* - all at once?

"They can't handle failure."
Maybe because we have taught them, winning is the *only* option?

"They're too sensitive."
Maybe because they're brave enough to *feel* what we were taught to hide?

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Or did we hand them *this* world without a manual?

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Wknd. STAR WATCH

You need patience. You will be able to see faint stars or nebulae only after some time

SMART WATCH

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DAY AND LOCATION

These are two crucial factors in stargazing. The best day is around new moon or on a day when moonset is early. Bright moonlight will make faint stars invisible. Choose a location that is away from the city as brights lights around will make viewing difficult. You need a dark spot for best viewing.

SOME PRACTICE FIRST

If you are planning to use a telescope, learn how to use it thoroughly in advance. Understand how it works and how you need to set it up. Try it out before your viewing night – focus on distant objects around and ensure you have a grip on how to use it well in advance. Use an App to track constellations and planets.

Reach for the stars

Stargazing is catching on in the city and this is a good time with clear skies prevailing, says **Swatee Jog**

Come November and Bengaluru citizens remember they must hurry to enjoy the winter before it quickly disappears. With the city enjoying unusually clear post-monsoon skies, stargazing is becoming a trending weekend pastime. Also, the Leonid meteor shower peaking around November 16-17, making it a great time for viewing, and the Northern Taurids continue until late November, the time is just perfect for stargazing.

Those who follow the stars, literally, are in for some pleasant stargazing nights till almost December, since January again brings tufts of clouds along.

Stargazing gaining momentum

Amateur astronomers, hobbyists and families are stepping out with basic telescopes and binoculars to explore the night sky. Abha Joshi, a school teacher, lives in Kengeri. She and her husband Anunay, a software engineer, head out to their small farm near Ramanagara every weekend. The area has very less ambient light at night and is ideal for stargazing.

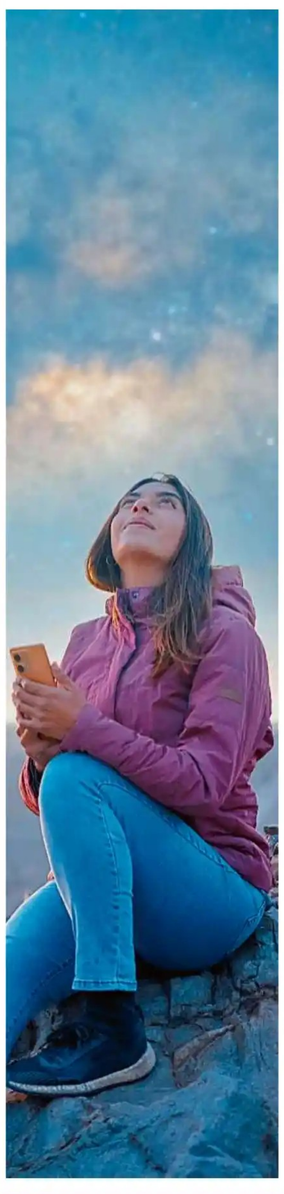
Abha has much experience with spotting stars since childhood. "On clear nights, we have captured the milky way on camera and routinely spot distant stars and galaxies" she says. They bought a computerised telescope that cost over Rs 1.50 lakhs. "It's worth it" says Anunay, adding that the GPS built in the telescope allows auto alignment with upto one lakh pre-set stars, planets, galaxies and more.

Get the right telescope

While several planets and constellations can be spotted and identified with the eye, a telescope takes you into a hitherto unknown world altogether. Affordable entry-level telescopes and mobile Apps have made astronomy more accessible than ever.

Tech enthusiasts are combining astrophotography with stargazing, capturing stunning celestial shots from the city's outskirts. Several Apps allow stacking of images, making it easy for the telescope to project that image on your phone or tablet.

An entry level telescope can cost anywhere between Rs 10,000 and Rs 1 lakh. The more advanced ones go on up to several lakhs when combined with a dome that filters out unwanted ambient light.



Stargazing clubs

"Watching the stars alone could be therapeutic but when in a group, you learn better", says Nischal Manjaiah, a student, who has joined a club. Today, Nischal can confidently name several planets, stars and galaxies which he has learnt through experienced guides in his club.

Several stargazing clubs in Bengaluru - from community groups to school and university-based societies - are organising open-to-all night sessions that are announced in advance. They also provide food and tents for the weekend nights.

Numerous schools and colleges have astro-physics clubs or departments with advanced telescopes and software which are available for all at a small fee. The events here often include planet spotting, constellations and moon observation, and deep-sky viewing of our Milky Way galaxy, nebulae and star clusters.

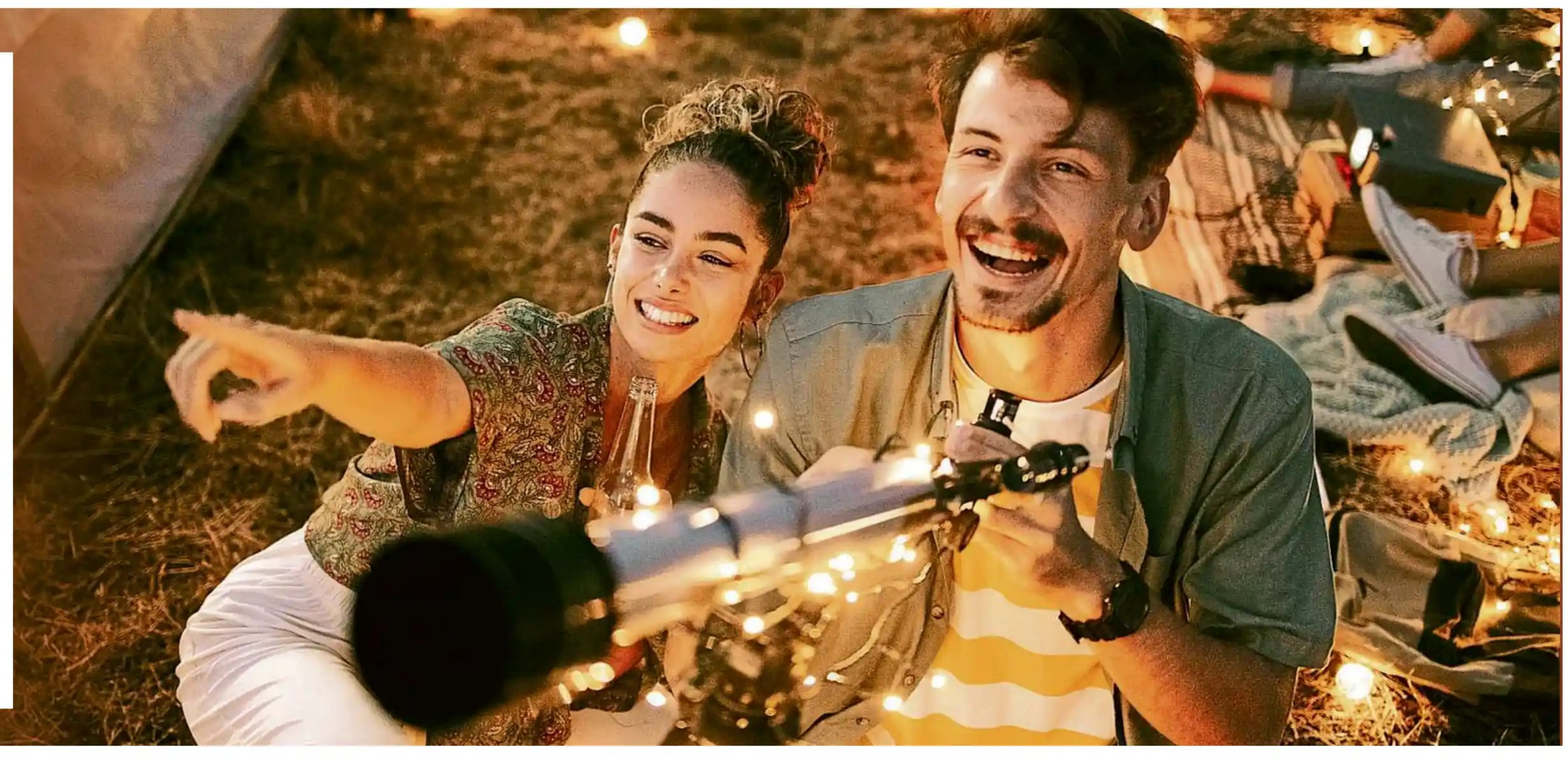
Some groups even offer guided tours of the night sky, explaining distant constellations, myths and astronomical phenomena while some others encourage astro-photography using specialised camera and equipment.

Ideal spots for stargazing

Stargazing needs absolute darkness since these stars appear faint owing to their distance from earth. Ambient city lights create a hazy view. Hence, places far away from city lights are ideal for stargazing, even better if they are at an elevation.

Popular viewing spots near Bengaluru include locations such as Hesaraghatta, Bidadi, Kanakapura Road, Savandurga and Ramanagara where light pollution is lower. There are stargazing clubs that organise guided camps for stargazing in the last week of November and first week of December.

Check out the Raman Research Institute, Indian Institute of Astrophysics and Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium for specific programmes in stargazing.



LEISURE

Beetle Bailey

IT'S LIKE I HAVE A DEVIL TALKING IN ONE EAR...
...AND AN ANGEL TALKING IN THE OTHER
AND WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?
"GO BACK TO SLEEP"
GREG + MORT WALKER
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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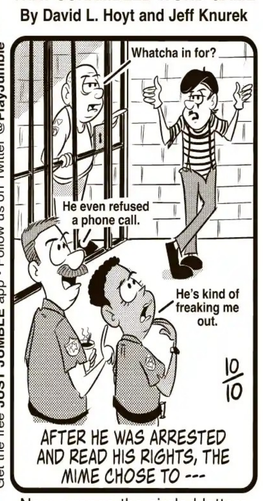
ROPYST


Whatcha in for?
He even refused a phone call.
He's kind of freaking me out.
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AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED AND READ HIS RIGHTS, THE MIME CHOSE TO ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answers

After he was arrested and read his rights, the mime chose to — REMAIN SILENT

MONEY AGILE MINGLE SPORTY

HITORI-122

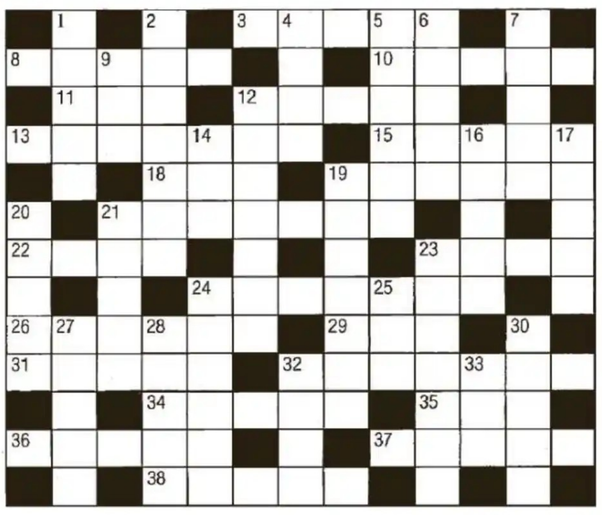
4	2	1	8	6	7	3	4
1	6	5	1	3	2	1	3
7	4	2	3	5	4	1	8
1	1	4	2	7	5	6	4
2	8	1	4	4	8	3	6
1	7	3	6	8	1	5	4
7	5	8	1	4	6	7	2
6	8	4	3	1	4	1	7

SOLUTION for HITORI-122

7	■	4	1	3	■	8	6
2	7	6	4	■	8	5	■
4	■	5	■	8	6	3	1
6	■	8	■	4	1	■	2
■	6	■	7	5	2	4	1
8	1	■	5	■	3	2	4
3	■	2	■	1	5	6	■
■	3	7	6	8	■	2	4

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 123



EASY

ACROSS
3 Light downy substance (5)
8 Prestige (5)
10 Bloodsucker (5)
11 Container (3)
12 Exclude (5)
13 Estimates (7)
15 Haggard (5)
18 Metallic element (3)
19 Shout (6)
21 Book of words (7)
22 Assert (4)
23 American coin (4)
24 Meeting for discussion (7)
26 Insight (6)
29 Slope downwards (3)
31 Sensational (5)
32 Natural surroundings (7)
34 Friendly or familiar (5)
35 Unit of weight (3)
36 Welcome (5)
37 Clumsy, ungainly (5)
38 Oozes (5)

DOWN
1 Build (3,2)
2 Shellfish (7)
4 Sediment (4)
5 Large bottle (6)
6 Wild (5)
7 Small doughy cake (5)
9 Owing (3)
12 Inhabitant (7)
14 Number (3)
16 Open sore (5)
17 Hackneyed (5)
19 Vacation (7)
20 Of a navy (5)
21 Madagascan primate (5)
23 Metropolis (7)
24 Demure (6)
25 Pen part (3)
27 Spicy Indian dish (5)
28 Acts without words (5)
30 Americans (5)
32 Assist (4)
33. Pull with ropes (3)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
3 Smooth, yes, but you don't want all that oil! (5)
8 You can paddle it back again (5)
10 Does he re-style his hair a lot? (5)
11 Drink nothing during the race (3)
12 When the wrong pair gets left? (5)
13 Have a fling with a bit of a smile and a laugh (7)
15 Biblical water baby (5)
18 Recently stolen or cooked (3)
19 Uncle has to see about this plant (6)
21 A traveller consumes the same thing again and again (7)
22 Spicy samosa is too much for him (4)
23 Possible opposite of "hen" (4)
24 They're vegetable, and one may be found in pies (7)
26 Hush due to what was revealed? (6)
29 Initial music makers (3)
31 Giant canned potato centre (5)
32 Complete failures if treated as lettuce (7)
34 Pest that means trouble to the Poles (5)
35 It's atomic, as in nuclear fission (3)
36 A writing surface to put the tick on (5)
37 Problem in composing prose (5)
38 Borders formed of sedge (5)

DOWN
1 In short, figure work (5)
2 Guards the hunters, perhaps (7)
4 Not all antelope run easily (4)
5 Rings for the Dickens book (6)
6 They weigh nothing wrapped up in silk! (5)
7 Where the witches cooked meals? (5)
9 Anybody but me? (3)
12 Related in a different style (7)
14 Hill, it seems, gets only half a kopeck (3)
16 Smelling them can be stimulating (5)
17 Name of a lesser genius (5)
19 Print something penetratively (7)
20 It was possibly waspish (5)
21 Unemotionally, will he root out a blockhead? (5)
23 You can only have one at a sitting (7)
24 Enclosed duplicated letters in deep mystery (6)
25 Friday's girl (3)
27 Being very old, they make complaints at Southend (5)
28 This desert used to be part of Texas (5)
30 Those crossed by jolly Roger? (5)
32 Computerised record of a turbulent life? (4)
33 Because of fast talk! (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 123

EASY
ACROSS: 3, Fluff 8, Kudos 10, Leech 11, Tub 12, Debar 13, Guesses 15, Gaunt 18, Tin 19, Holler 21, Lexicon 22, Aver 23, Cent 24, Seminar 26, Acumen 29, Dip 31, Lurid 32, Habitat 34, Matey 35, Ton 36, Greet 37, Gawky 38, Seeps.
DOWN: 1, Put up 2, Lobster 4, Lees 5, Flagon 6, Feral 7, Scone 9, Due 12, Denizen 14, Six 16, Ulcer 17, Trite 19, Holiday 20, Naval 21, Lemur 23, Capital 24, Sedate 25, Nib 27, Curry 28, Mimes 30, Yanks 32, Help 33, Tow.

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 3, Slick 8, Kayak (rev.) 10, Hira-M 11, T-O-T 12, April-L 13, Chuck-le 15, Moses 18, Hot 19, Semi-e 21, Rep-eats 22, Amos 23, Stag 24, P-eon-ies 26, Sh-owed 29, CDs 31, Ti-ta-n 32, Fi-as-cos 34, SN-ail 35, Ion 36, Slate 37, Poser 38, Edges.
DOWN: 1, Maths 2, Watches 4, Lope 5, (The) Chimes 6, Kil-O-s 7, Salem 9, You 12, Altered 14, Kop 16, Salts 17, Serge 19, Stencil 20, Waist 21, Ro-b-ot 23, Session 24, Pe-nn-ed 25, Ida 27, H-ills 28, Was-Te 30, Bones 32, File 33, 'Cos.

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STARGAZING CLUBS IN CITY PAGE II

Kitchen remedies for your skin care

Prasad Bidapa has a few simple skincare secrets you can find in your cook nook

Nature Care

Don't fret if you can't find the time for complex routines - the secret to glowing, healthy skin may already be in your kitchen. For generations, Indian households have relied on simple, natural ingredients such as turmeric, honey and neem to enhance beauty and maintain healthy skin. These age-old remedies are now gaining renewed appreciation, as modern research confirms their effectiveness.

Golden glow: Turmeric

Turmeric, a staple in Indian kitchens, is known for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. It helps brighten the complexion, reduce dark spots and even out skin tone. A traditional face pack made from turmeric, gram flour (besan) and yogurt can leave the skin fresh and radiant.

Natural moisture: Honey and milk

Honey and milk have long been valued for their nourishing qualities. Honey hydrates and repairs the skin, while milk gently exfoliates and softens. A simple mix of one tablespoon of honey with a few drops of milk, applied for five minutes, can help restore a healthy glow.

Clear skin: Neem and tulasi

Neem and tulasi are known for their antibacterial and healing properties. They help prevent acne, control excess oil and soothe irritation. A paste made from neem and tulasi leaves blended with rosewater works as an effective, natural face mask.

Gentle exfoliation: Oats and yogurt

Oats provide a mild exfoliation that removes dead cells without damaging the skin's natural barrier. When combined with yogurt and a little honey, this mixture serves as a gentle scrub that smoothens and refreshes the skin.

Toning touch: Lemon and rosewater

Lemon juice and rosewater, when mixed, make a natural toner that tightens pores and brightens dull skin. Applied with a cotton pad, it provides an instant refreshing effect.

These time-honoured beauty recipes remind us that Nature often offers the best care. Sometimes, the path to lasting beauty begins in the kitchen - just as grandma always said.

Healthy diet, preventive care and lifestyle choices can prevent diabetes

While genes do play a role, lifestyle choices and urban habits have a far greater impact in causing diabetes, says **Dr Mahesh D M**, Consultant Endocrinologist, Aster CMI Hospital

In today's fast-paced world, where deadlines blur into late-night meals and fitness often takes a back seat, diabetes has quietly become one of the most pressing health challenges. What was once considered a disease of the middle-aged is now showing up alarmingly in the young - a shift that worries specialists.

The main reasons for Type II diabetes becoming increasingly prevalent among younger age groups these days is excessive consumption of refined carbs, unhealthy oils and sugary drinks - even packed juices, combined with physical inactivity. These habits are fuelling early insulin resistance.

While genes do play a role, the lifestyle choices and urban habits have a far greater impact. Chronic stress, poor sleep and sedentary work patterns raise blood sugar levels by disrupting hormonal balance. Even small changes such as getting up every hour for two minutes or drinking water instead of sweetened beverages make a measurable difference.

This year, Aster CMI Hospital is focusing on 'diabetes and the workplace', encouraging corporates to introduce health-conscious environments. Most professionals today spend long hours sitting and have limited access to healthy food. Through awareness programmes, the hospital is motivating employees to integrate small habits such as short movement breaks, standing desks and mindful eating into their day.

Dr. Mahesh D M

World Diabetes Day November 14

Technology too is reshaping diabetes management. Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems are now empowering patients to understand their own sugar patterns in real time. These devices reveal exactly how specific foods affect blood glucose, helping people make smarter dietary choices. Additionally, new once-a-week GLP-1 analogues are improving glucose control and weight management, with fewer side effects.

Yet, amidst all these advances, awareness remains the most powerful tool. Pre-diabetes can often be reversed with lifestyle modifications alone. A balanced diet rich in fibre, regular exercise and good sleep can delay or even prevent the onset of diabetes.

On World Diabetes Day – November 14 – resolve to be mindful of what you eat and why you eat it. Your body is built on four pillars - brain, bone, muscle and pancreas. Feed them right with complex carbs, healthy fats, protein and minerals. A strong body creates a strong mind, and a strong mind helps you stay consistent in your goals.

In the end, diabetes care is not just about medication - it's about awareness, balance and daily choices that keep you healthy for life.

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Energy, enthusiasm, team spirit mark DH Cup 2025 launch

DH Cup 2025 was launched with a high-spirited party at Fox in the Field, Whitefield, bringing together corporate teams and associates to celebrate Bengaluru's sporting culture and love for football

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The DH Cup 2025 five-a-side inter-corporate tournament was launched with a lively party hosted at Fox in the Field, Whitefield, setting the tone for one of the city's most anticipated five-a-side inter-corporate football tournaments.

The day was a celebration of camaraderie, competition and community - qualities that define the DH Cup. The highlight of the party was the unveiling of the rolling trophy, which drew loud cheers from the assembled teams and guests. Captains from participating teams took centre-stage, sharing their excitement and friendly rivalries ahead of the kick-off scheduled today at MatchDay Arena, New BEL Road.

The tournament fixtures were drawn, sparking conversations, predictions and plenty of good-natured banter among players and supporters. With music, freshly brewed craft beers, and an energetic setting, the party perfectly reflected Bengaluru's energy - youthful, social and full of sporting spirit.

13 teams to battle for DH Cup

This season, 13 teams are set to go after the trophy. Beginning tomorrow, each of the teams will play against the others in a round robin format. The tournament, played on weekends, will have 52 league matches in all, with the business end on Sunday, November 30. All matches will have two halves of 20 minutes each with a five-minute break. The tournament will be played at **MatchDay Arena, New BEL Road**.

PARTY'S ON...

Srinivas Kempaiah, seen in team IQVIA in two editions of DH Cup, shares some insights on what it takes to make a mark in this tournament, in this chat with **B S Manu Rao**

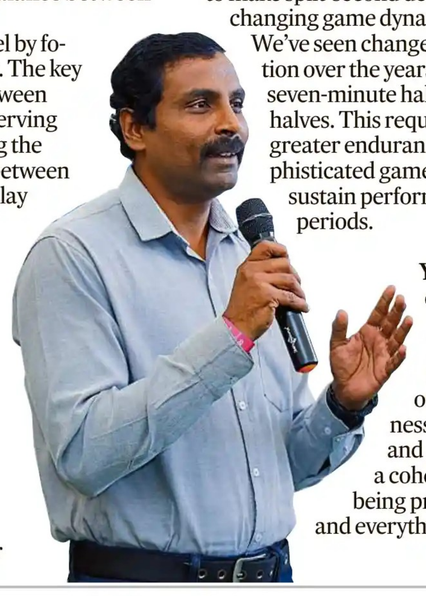
'It's about being prepared for anything and everything...'

What does it take to win the DH Cup?
Winning the DH Cup isn't just about individual skills. It's a combination of clear strategy, well-defined team roles, exceptional fitness and mental toughness. You need high energy levels and the ability to perform in this high-paced, firefighter-style format.

How important is the balance between defence and attack?
It's crucial. You can't excel by focusing on just one aspect. The key is smooth transitions between defence and attack, conserving energy while maintaining the ability to quickly switch between offensive and defensive play styles.

What have you learnt from previous DH Cup outings?
The most important lesson is adaptability. In previous years, we've seen top goal scorers struggle because they couldn't adjust to different playing styles. You must be quick, decisive and ready to change your approach based on the opposition.

Your advice to new teams entering DH Cup...
Focus on an all-round performance. Have a strong defence, effective attack and a reliable goalkeeper. Mental strength is just as important as physical skills. Be prepared to make split-second decisions and adapt to changing game dynamics.



We've seen changes in game duration over the years, expanding from seven-minute halves to 20-minute halves. This requires players to have greater endurance and more sophisticated game strategies that can sustain performance over longer periods.

Your secret of success...
There's no single secret. Success comes from a perfect blend of skills, strategy, fitness, mental toughness and the ability to work as a cohesive team. It's about being prepared for anything and everything on the field.

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DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Bengaluru Outer Ring Road offers effortless access to the city's key business districts along the Marathahalli–Bellandur–Sarjapur Outer Ring Road corridor. Conveniently located just minutes from RMZ Ecospace, RMZ Ecoworld, Embassy Tech Village, Cessna Business Park, RGA Tech Park and popular co-working hubs such as WeWork, Coworks and The Hub, the hotel is also well-connected to HSR Layout, Sarjapur Road, Bellandur, Koramangala, Electronic City and Whitefield.

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Destination for craft brews, curated food, **memorable moments**

Whitefield's favourite microbrewery, Fox in the Field, came alive last weekend as it played host to the DH Cup 2025 launch party - a day that brought together sport, spirit and camaraderie under one roof. The event set the tone for the much-awaited corporate football tournament, with participating teams, partners and guests soaking in the festive, high-energy atmosphere that Fox in the Field is known for.

"The launch party was lit!", said Nandan Bhatia, investor and shareholder of Fox in the Field, describing the evening as "more than just a meet-and-greet." The mood was celebratory as teams mingled over freshly-brewed craft beers, chef-curated delicacies and fun beats, getting ready for the tournament ahead. "It's become the talk of the town," he added. "Teams got a chance to connect, share strategies and showcase that winning spirit."

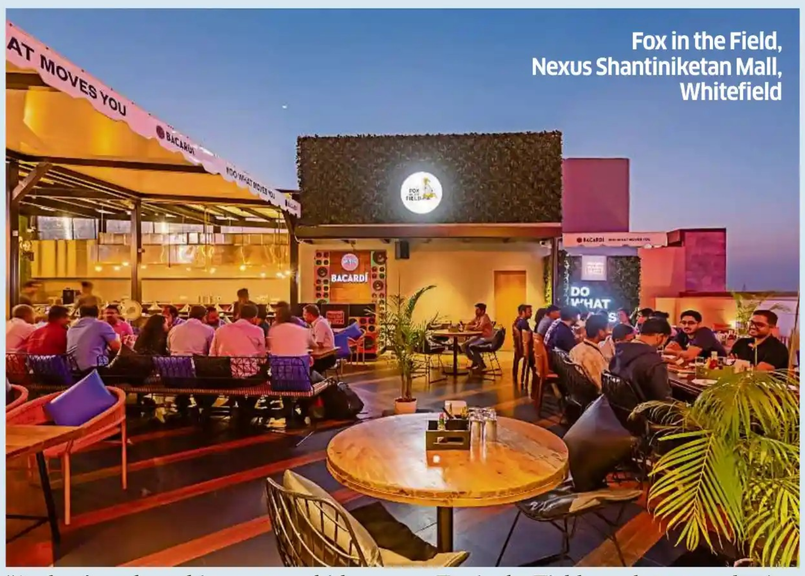
For Abhay Kewadkar, Founder and Managing Director, Fox in the Field, the DH Cup 2025 launch was a natural extension of the brand's inclusive philosophy. "Fox in the Field was the ideal choice because it offers a rare combination of space, versatility and ambience that few venues in Whitefield can match," he said. Spread across four distinct floors, each with its own character - from the amphitheatre-style event level with a large LED screen to the 7,000 sqft open-air terrace - the microbrewery has evolved into a go-to destination for both corporate gatherings and social celebrations.

Abhay's vision for the event was clear - to create a space where professionals could unwind and connect beyond work. "We wanted to build an ambience that encouraged genuine interactions and laughter," he shared. "Watching colleagues unwind, share stories and forge stronger bonds reaffirmed our intent. It wasn't just about music and good time - it was about camaraderie and connection."

Those sentiments echoed through the day as guests stayed long after the event officially ended. "That slow, reluctant end to the event, when people stayed back instead of leaving - that's what truly marked it as a memorable afternoon," Abhay added.

For Nandan, events like the DH Cup launch represent more than just celebrations - they're a glimpse into Bengaluru's evolving social and cultural landscape. "Collaborations like these add major value to the city's social scene," he said. "They bring people together, foster community vibes, and give sports enthusiasts a chance to connect over shared passions. Plus, they showcase the city's love for sports, culture, well-being, food and good times."

Looking ahead, Fox in the Field is gearing up for an exciting season of new launches that promise to keep Whitefield buzzing. "We're introducing an all-new seafood menu that celebrates India's coastal flavours," Abhay revealed.



Fox in the Field, Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield

"And we're relaunching our amphitheatre level in collaboration with Bacardi as a neon-themed bar - a high-energy space with music, mixology and mood lighting."

Fox in the Field stands out as a destination for craft brews, curated food and community spirit.

Follow their journey and upcoming events on Instagram: @foxinthe_field

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Manoj Kumar V — TEAM

Football is a way of life. Leave it all on the field, no regrets

- Kothanda Raman G
- Gopinath D
- Khumukcham Tiken Singh
- Vadivel S
- Mohammad Dada Hayath Kalander
- Naveen D
- Vijay Babu
- Nan Mani Maran DR
- Ramanath S P

Arun Roy Patrick — TEAM

Our goal is simple: Win the DH Cup 2025 championship. We believe we have the talent and experience to make it happen

- Surya Kumar
- Arun Kumar
- Arun K
- Arjun Sanjeev
- Syed Shadab
- Ramesh G
- Ajay Kumar
- Charles
- Vinod Kumar

Roshan Savio Prabhu — TEAM

Forged from various departments comes a new team to enjoy the game, make memories and give it our best

- Vinayaksingh Byali
- Diwakar RS
- Debajeet Das
- Mohammed Raqim Rabbani
- Ashok Kumar B
- Yashwanth MC
- Abhishek Subbaiah CK
- Vasu V

Suhas G — TEAM

Sports brings out the true character. Be more concerned about the character, not the reputation. Character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are

- Sunil Kumar K S
- Jayanth K S
- Wency A
- Sahil Lamani
- Ajay M
- Noel S
- Dayanand
- Arittra Chatterjee
- P Sandeep Krishna

Puneet Clivert Martis — TEAM

One of the tournaments we've always wanted to be part of - the DH Cup! Excited to finally step onto this stage and give it everything we've got

- Sushir Meti
- Puneeth Anandareddy
- Jack Cherian
- Jaspreet Singh
- Nikhil Bennur
- Praveen H R
- Ritik Khanna
- Atul Saha
- Biplab Mahato

Aswin C H — TEAM

For the last two seasons, we've battled, learnt and grown together in this tournament. This year, at the DH Cup 2025, we're stronger, more determined and ready to chase glory with heart and teamwork.

- Sharon Eapen Thomas
- Jithin A
- Athul Laiju
- Abin Thankachan
- Shibin T
- Athul Ajay
- Akhil P Anil
- Adarsh
- Akash

Satwashil Mane — TEAM

Our team is participating in DH Cup for the first time. Driven by passion, powered by teamwork - we play with heart, unity and determination. Every pass, every goal, every moment counts as we chase victory and unforgettable memories together. We are here to make an impact.

- Sandeep Sanjayan
- Kunal Balakrishna
- Shivakumar G
- Kesudas Lohidhakshan
- Don Bosco
- Mallikarjun K
- Abhinav Doddamani
- Praveen Kumar

Sanjay Poonacha — TEAM

At John Distilleries, we're super passionate about the game and love building strong bonds with our team. With some fresh faces on board this year, we're ready to kick off a positive and focused season, filled with fun and excitement

- Tushar
- Bhavish Bopanna
- Thanak Subbaiah
- Krishna M
- Saahem
- Rohan
- Devish
- Swaminathan
- Charwak

Somtirtha Singha Choudhury — TEAM

Football isn't just a game for us - it's a heartbeat, a story written in sweat and spirit. The DH Cup brings out the best in us, every single time

- Ashwit Mishra
- Dion Remo Dias
- Praveen P N
- Abhilash Pradhan
- Amartya Sharma
- Gautham R N
- Nitish Kumar
- Dhruvan S
- Chengappa

Dennis Francis — TEAM

One team, one fight, we play with our might. We trust, we believe, we battle to achieve. Every ball, every run, we're here to win

- Fasil O K
- Nanda Gopal K
- Manjunath Krishna
- Stalin Donald
- Srivatsa J
- Dheeraj
- Gowtham
- Mukundan
- Soumajit Das
- Arunprakash N
- Priyanshu Sarkar

Akash Sudhakar — TEAM

Representing Smarsh at the DH Cup is all about spirit, energy and collaboration. Every match is a chance to push limits, play with purpose and have fun as a team. We're ready to give it everything we've got and make this tournament a memorable one

- Gaurav G
- Rajesh G
- Puspendu Patel
- Aman Bhandari
- Deepraj Majalikar
- Arun Krishna
- Debanjan Roy
- Manan Kumar
- Utkarsh Singh
- Vishwas Garg

Cecil Garcia Simon — TEAM

One goal, one effort. We rise and fall together. We believe in the system, we battle for every ball and make our statement. I trust my team, execute the plan and make every minute count. We are here to win DH Cup.

- Abhishek KP
- J Thirumal
- Jarvis Sterlig J
- Ajit Ramsajivan Yadav
- Sharon Dev
- Akshay K
- Athul
- Muneef
- Hariharan

Shyju Antony — TEAM

As a captain, I am honoured and excited to lead a passionate and determined group of players representing UST and together we share our clear mission - to bring our UST on top with pride and determination

- Raj Kamal Nagarajan
- Karthickvelan Krishnamoorthy
- Abdul Samim Mondal
- Aneesh Kumar
- Elavarasan Ptchamani
- Praveen Pooleeri Murali
- Varun Padmakumar
- Mohamed Shinas
- Akhil Puthiyaveettil

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Fuel smart, endure strong to compete at highest levels

Enerjiva develops products that match the physiological needs of endurance athletes

Enerjiva is a home-grown Indian sports nutrition brand created specifically for the demands of endurance athletes. The idea was simple - most products available in the market were not designed for Indian conditions. Runners struggled with the heat, humidity and gut issues during long events. Enerjiva was built to solve these problems with clean, efficient, high-performance fuelling.

The brand focuses on creating products that are tested by real athletes in real race conditions. Every gel, electrolyte and supplement is designed around the challenges faced by Indian runners - especially those training and racing in high temperatures. Enerjiva follows a 'no fillers, no gimmicks' philosophy. Each ingredient serves a purpose - sustained energy, stable digestion and consistent performance - during long hours of running.

What makes Enerjiva unique is its focus on performance science. The brand works closely with athletes, coaches and sports scientists to refine fuelling strategies. Instead of taking a one-size-fits-all approach, Enerjiva develops products and guidelines that match the physiological needs of endurance athletes across distances like the marathon, 50K, 100K and 24-hour ultras.

Enerjiva also supports a high-performance team and major national record attempts. A well-known example is Project 300 - an initiative aimed at helping Indian athletes break the 300-km barrier in a 24-hour run. This reflects Enerjiva's larger mission - to push Indian endurance sport to a global standard through scientific preparation and precise nutrition.

In a growing running culture, Enerjiva offers a solution that is practical, athlete-driven and tailored to the Indian environment. Whether for everyday training or record-setting performances, the brand stands for one message - fuel smart, endure strong and help Indian athletes compete at the highest levels.

DH CUP 2025

10 players in a team, five on the turf

PRIZES

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- Rs 1 lakh cash prize for team
- Rolling trophy
- Trophy for organization
- Trophies for players

RUNNER-UP
- Rs 80,000 cash prize for team
- Shield for organization
- Shields for players

BEST GOALIE
- Rs 10,000 cash prize
- Memento

HIGHEST GOAL SCORER
- Rs 10,000 cash prize
- Memento

True wellness begins when you invest in yourself

The Wellness Co combines cutting-edge technology with luxurious hospitality, offering therapies that restore, rejuvenate and rebalance the body and mind

The Wellness Co is India's first brand to bring global-standard advanced wellness and recovery therapies under one roof, redefining how people approach preventive health, beauty and holistic well-being.

Founded in 2021 by former professional tennis players Rohan and Rishabh Jain, the brand was born out of their personal experience of the transformative benefits of advanced recovery therapies on both physical performance and overall health. What began as a passion for performance recovery has evolved into a nationwide movement towards science-backed self-care.

With state-of-the-art centres across nine Indian cities, The Wellness Co combines cutting-edge technology with luxurious hospitality, offering therapies that restore, rejuvenate and rebalance the body and mind. From Cryo Therapy, Red Light Therapy, IV Drips and Infrared Sauna to PEMF, Collagen Bed and Oxygen Therapy, each treatment is designed to promote deep healing, enhance the skin and body performance, and help individuals look and feel their best from the inside out.

The brand's philosophy is simple 'wellness is not a luxury, it's a lifestyle'. Every service at The Wellness Co is personalised to align with an individual's unique needs, whether it's recovery after an intense workout, managing stress, improving sleep or achieving a natural, radiant glow.

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